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FRANCE'S ADEQUATE DEFENCES

"468,000 in Army And
500,000 Reservists."

WAR MINISTER CONFIDENT OF SECURITY

Paris, To-day.
"The Spring of 1934 will be a critical period for Europe and France," declared M. Tardieu, in the course of a heated debate in the Chamber of Deputies on a Bill providing for the delaying from one month to four months, of the calling up of the French conscripts for 1934-36, in order to increase the number called up during the years 1936-40, the lean years corresponding to the decreased birthrate of 1915-19.

M. Tardieu protested that the Army would thus be reduced by a number of battalions in the Spring of 1934.

He declared that France needed a safeguard for peace. The War Minister, M. Daladier, replied that France was in a position to assure its own security. She possessed 468,000 men on the active list, 500,000 fully-trained reservists, excellent modern war material and a fortified system of defence without parallel in history. — Reuter.

GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE DECLINE

Big Drive Started For
Recovery.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ABROAD

Berlin, To-day.
A big drive to improve Germany's dwindling foreign trade was yesterday inaugurated at the first meeting of the newly instituted Foreign Trade Council attended by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Baron von Neurath, and Herr Schmitt, the Minister of Economics.

The Council is purely an advisory body, but its recommendations are expected to carry the weight of the Government.

Herr Schmitt pointed out that German exports have declined 7.1 per cent. since 1932 while world exports have increased by about one per cent. (Continued on Page 12.)

GERMAN ADMIRAL PASSES.

Formerly On China
Station.

Berlin, To-day.
Admiral Friedrich von Ingenohl, aged 76, former Commander of the Imperial yacht, "Hohenzollern", and until 1916, Admiral-in-Chief of the High Seas Fleet, and sometime Commander-in-Chief of the German China Station, died this morning. — Reuter.

17 ELEPHANTS DIE OF POISON.

Fatal Feast Of Ripe
Corn In India.

Madras, To-day.
Seventeen elephants were found dead yesterday in a field of Indian corn in the Cumbay Valley. Apparently attracted by the scent of ripe corn, the animals had descended from the hills and feasted on the corn which is believed to have been infected with a pestilence which made it poisonous. — Reuter.

FRENCH SENATE VOTES ON FINANCE BILL

Article Twelve Providing More
Taxes Adopted

Paris, To-day.
The French Senate yesterday adopted Article Twelve of the Finance Bill, providing for the re-imposition of various taxes. The Senate adjourned after voting on all the Articles of the Finance Bill, except a few minor points. — Reuter.

STREETS PATROLLED IN HAVANA

LOOTING BY GANGS
OF NEGROES.

SHOOTING AND BOMBING BY RIOTERS

Havana, To-day.
Armed soldiers and sailors were patrolling the streets of Havana throughout yesterday, in an attempt to keep order as a result of the latest violent outbreaks.

Shooting broke out near the Presidential Palace yesterday morning, and gangs of negroes armed with sticks roamed the streets, looting shops, last night.

Seven bombs exploded in different parts of the city. — Reuter.

BRITAIN TO BUILD NEW LINER

20,000-Ton Vessel For
Orient S.N. Fleet.

18 MONTHS' WORK FOR 3,300

London, To-day.
At the meeting of the Orient Steam Navigation Company, in London, yesterday, the Chairman announced that an order was being placed for another ship. In plan it would be a slightly larger and improved sister-ship of the "Orontes".

The ship follows four others recently built by Messrs. Vickers, Armstrong, for the Orient Line.

The new vessel will provide employment for 18 months to 3,300 work-people. The s.s. Orontes, which it will slightly exceed in size, is 638 feet long with a 75-foot beam and a tonnage of 19,970. — British Wireless Service.

LINDBERGH'S IN NEW YORK

Long Flight Ended.

TWO ATLANTIC CROSSINGS ON SURVEY TOUR

New York, To-day.
After completing one of the most extensive flights in history, including crossings of the north and south Atlantic, Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh, famous American fliers, landed at Long Island, New York, yesterday. Commencing their flight from New York on July 9, to survey for Pan-American Airways the best route over the north Atlantic, the Lindberghs toured Greenland, Iceland and Denmark.

They later visited other European countries. From Portugal they flew to Gambia, from where they took off on their long flight over the south Atlantic to Brazil. They then made their way to New York by easy stages.

SAFETY VALUE FOR COMMONS

JOINT COMMITTEE TO PASS MONEY BILLS

BILL NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORTED BY GOVERNMENT

LONDON, TO-DAY.

IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS, LAST NIGHT, THE MARQUESS OF SALISBURY INTRODUCING A BILL FOR REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS, DECLARED THAT THE BILL DID NOT PROPOSE TO REPEAL THE PARLIAMENT ACT.

It recognised certain constitutional principles, namely, that the power of finance belonged to the House of Commons and that the final authority was the people.

Under the House of Commons power in finance, however, other legislation might be passed, also the legislation passed might not be the deliberate judgment of the people, but the judgment of the passing majority.

The Bill proposed a joint committee of Both Houses, with the Speaker as Chairman, for the certification of money Bills, instead of the Speaker alone.

Further, if the reformed House of Lords rejected a Bill three times by an absolute majority of the whole House, not merely those present, the final decision would be referred to the next ensuing sitting of the House of Commons, whose decision would be conclusive.

Regarding the proposed reduction on the hereditary principle, Lord Salisbury observed that only one during the last session of the House of Lords had the attendance exceeded 150. He therefore proposed that the new House consist of 160 hereditary Peers, and 160 Lords of Parliament, to be chosen outside the Peerage, besides the Royal Peers, the reduced number, with Bishops and Law Lords, totalling 320. — Reuter.

FULLER DETAILS OF BILL.

Not Yet Considered By Government.

London, To-day.
In the House of Lords last evening Lord Salisbury moved a Private Bill for the reform of the House of Lords by reducing its membership and strengthening its powers to impose delay on legislation.

In introducing the measure he stated that members of both Houses had formed a small committee to submit proposals that would secure Britain against any sudden and subversive change, and the Bill was based on those proposals.

He called attention to affairs abroad, where the old order was superseded by dictatorships or disruptive changes, and he argued that in Britain also they must insure against the possibilities of subversive attempts to set up two methods of Government.

The duty of the House of Lords, he said, was to make

such changes in its constitution as they would make country safe, and in so doing they should go no further than was absolutely necessary.

The aim of the Bill was to give the House of Lords sufficient power to prevent country from being hurried into vast changes without time given to consider them.

The measure proposed that the hereditary element in the House should be greatly reduced—to 160 Peers with 160 members added from outside, plus Peers of Blood Royal, members of the Episcopal Bench on a reduced scale and a number of Law Lords, making a total membership of about 320.

After the measure had been criticised by Labour and Liberal Peers, Lord Hallahan, Minister of War, on behalf of the Government, said it was the custom to give a first reading to every Bill. He would therefore note for its introduction but that did not mean that the Government, or he personally, supported it.

As the Government had not considered the subject, he said, he could not on their behalf express an opinion on the measure.

Leave to introduce the Bill was given by 84 votes to 35.—British Wireless Service.

REFORM OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

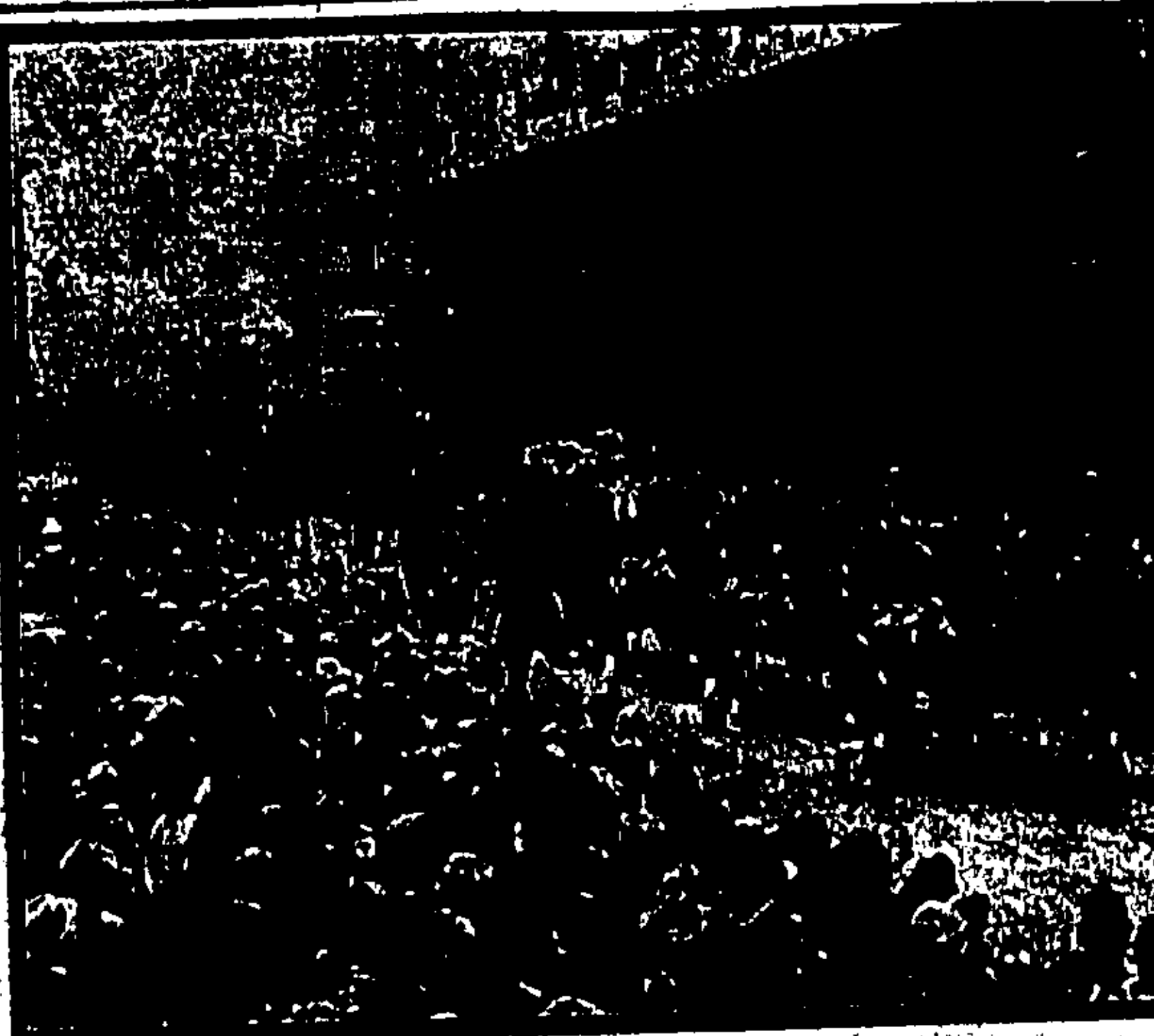
Britain Will Uphold Its Authority.

London, To-day.
Replying to a question in the House of Commons yesterday regarding the suggested reforms in the League of Nations, the Prime Minister, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, said that the Government would continue to give the closest attention to the matter with a view to upholding the usefulness and authority of the League.—British Wireless Service.

OXFORD RUGBY WIN IN SCOTLAND.

Cambridge Beaten By Dublin University.

London, To-day.
Oxford won and Cambridge lost in yesterday's only two Rugby-Union matches. The Light Blues were visitors to Dublin University where they lost by 12 points to 10, while Oxford defeated Glasgow Academicals on their own ground by 8 points to 4. — Reuter.



The time-honoured pageant of the Lord Mayor's Show—The Lord Mayor's Coach with Sir Charles Collett, the new Lord Mayor, passing the Mansion House and Bank, in the procession through the City. (S. & G.)

COURT-MARTIAL AT KOWLOON

R.A. Sergeant Found
Guilty.

MISAPPROPRIATION OF MESS FUNDS

The Military Court Martial on Sergeant W. G. Thomas of the 2nd Battery, Hong Kong Singapore Heavy Battery, Royal Artillery, charged with misappropriation of various sums of money handed to him by his commanding officer for payment of mess bills, was continued at Gun Club Hill Barracks, Kowloon, this morning.

Major R. G. Lochner, M.C. (S.W.B.) presided and was supported by Captain C. L. Crick of the Lincolns and Lt. Parker, R.A. Captain E. B. Bolt, B.A., prosecuted while Captain P. V. Williams, R.A., appeared for the defendant.

At this morning's hearing Sergeant Thomas was found guilty of the charges preferred against him. Sentence has been deferred pending confirmation by the G. O. C.

CHINA'S WHEAT TARIFF.

New Duty Puzzles
Australia.

BIG MARKET JEOPARDISED.

London, To-day.
The Canberra correspondent of The Times, states that the reported intention of the Chinese Government to impose duties of 7d. per 138 lbs. of wheat and flour, from December 18 has puzzled the Australian Customs, who have telegraphed to Nanking for duty confirmation. In view of the original intention to impose a 5d. on wheat flour, beginning January 1, and leaving wheat duty-free. (Continued on page 12.)

Spanish Republic To Be Nationalist And Pacific

Madrid, To-day.
The Spanish Premier, Senor Lerroux, in a Ministerial declaration, issued yesterday, stressed that the Republic must be Nationalist. "The first step to this end was the re-establishment of social peace and discipline."

In view of the recent riots, the Government was unable to propose a general amnesty, but specific cases would be considered, he said.

Trade and commerce would be developed, especially a closer relationship with South America. He hoped to arrive at a solution of the religious question thus leading the spirit of pacification throughout Spain.

Senor Gil Robles, leader of the Catholics, has proclaimed his loyalty to the Republic despite the strong protests of some of the Catholic newspapers. — Reuter.

FIRE RAGES FOR 24 HOURS ON AMERICAN STEAMER

Reaches London After Grim
Race Against Flames

London, To-day.
The American steam-ship, "Topatopa," 5,358 tons, carrying cotton and timber from Florida to London, arrived in the Thames yesterday with a fire aboard which had raged for 24 hours. By the time the vessel reached Greenwich, fire-fighting boats were waiting and after two hours of strenuous work the flames were controlled. — British Wireless Service.

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SUPERSEDED BY EMERGENCY COUNCIL

Washington, To-day.
President Roosevelt has organised a National Emergency Council headed by Mr. Frank C. Walker, whose duties are the most far-reaching and most important undertaken by any one man, since the new deal commenced.

He assumes all responsibility in co-ordinating and consolidating the various recovery agencies, including the National Recovery Administration and the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, and for enforcing recovery measures.

This action reduces General Hugh S. Johnson, Recovery Administrator, from virtual Czarism to mere membership of the National Economic Council. — Reuter.

JAPANESE TRADE MENACE

Will Government Take
Action

RUNCIMAN AVOIDS QUESTION BY CONSERVATIVES

London, To-day.
The President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Walter Runciman in the House of Commons, yesterday, declined to reply to the Conservative request for assurance that if the Anglo-Japanese cotton negotiations were unduly protracted, the Government would take action to deal with the Japanese menace before the negotiations concluded.

The Conservative member for Macdonald, Mr. J. H. Ramer gave notice that he would raise the question on the motion for adjournment to-morrow. — Reuter.

GOLD RISE OF 60 PER CENT.

FARM PRICES INCREASED BY 61 PER CENT.

Professor's Figures
For 9 Months.

EMPLOYMENT AND PAY-ROLLS FALL

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
(By Telegraph, Copyright, Telegraphic Messages Ordinance, 1891. Received December 20, 9.22 a.m.)

New York, To-day.

Professor Warren's assistant, Professor F. A. Pearson, writing in the "Cornell Magazine," on farm economics states that farm prices have responded promptly to the rising price of gold.

He asserts that during the period from February 15 to November 15, gold has risen 60.2 per cent. in value, while basic commodities, over the same period have risen 61 per cent.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

Wages Decline By 6 Per Cent.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.
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Washington, To-day.

The United States Secretary of Labour, Miss Francis Perkins yesterday stated that employment in the manufacturing industries had declined by 3 1/4 per cent, and pay-rolls had declined 6.2 per cent. from October 15 to November 15.

This was the first recession since March, she declared.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

Washington, To-day.
For the first time since March, factory employment in the United States has shown a decline. From October 15 to November 15, figures show a drop of 287,000 or 8.5 per cent, while pay-rolls dropped by U.S.\$7,300,000 or 6.2 per cent. It is estimated that 2,800,000 have been re-employed since March. — Reuter.

MORE UNEMPLOYMENT RELIEF

Washington, To-day.
United States unemployment relief expenditure has increased in 126 cities and urban counties in 45 States containing 65 per cent. of the country's population during November.

During last month families on the relief rolls totalled 1,660,862 as compared with 1,526,787 in October. Expenditure for November was U.S.\$37,852,000 as compared with U.S.\$35,696,000 in October. — Reuter.

CHRISTMAS BUSINESS 38 PER CENT HIGHER

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New York, To-day.

The National Retail Dry-Goods Association has indicated that this year's Christmas business is as much as 38 per cent. above last year.—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

WEATHER REPORT

"Fine, with moderate north-easterly winds, is the forecast issued by the Royal Observatory to-day.



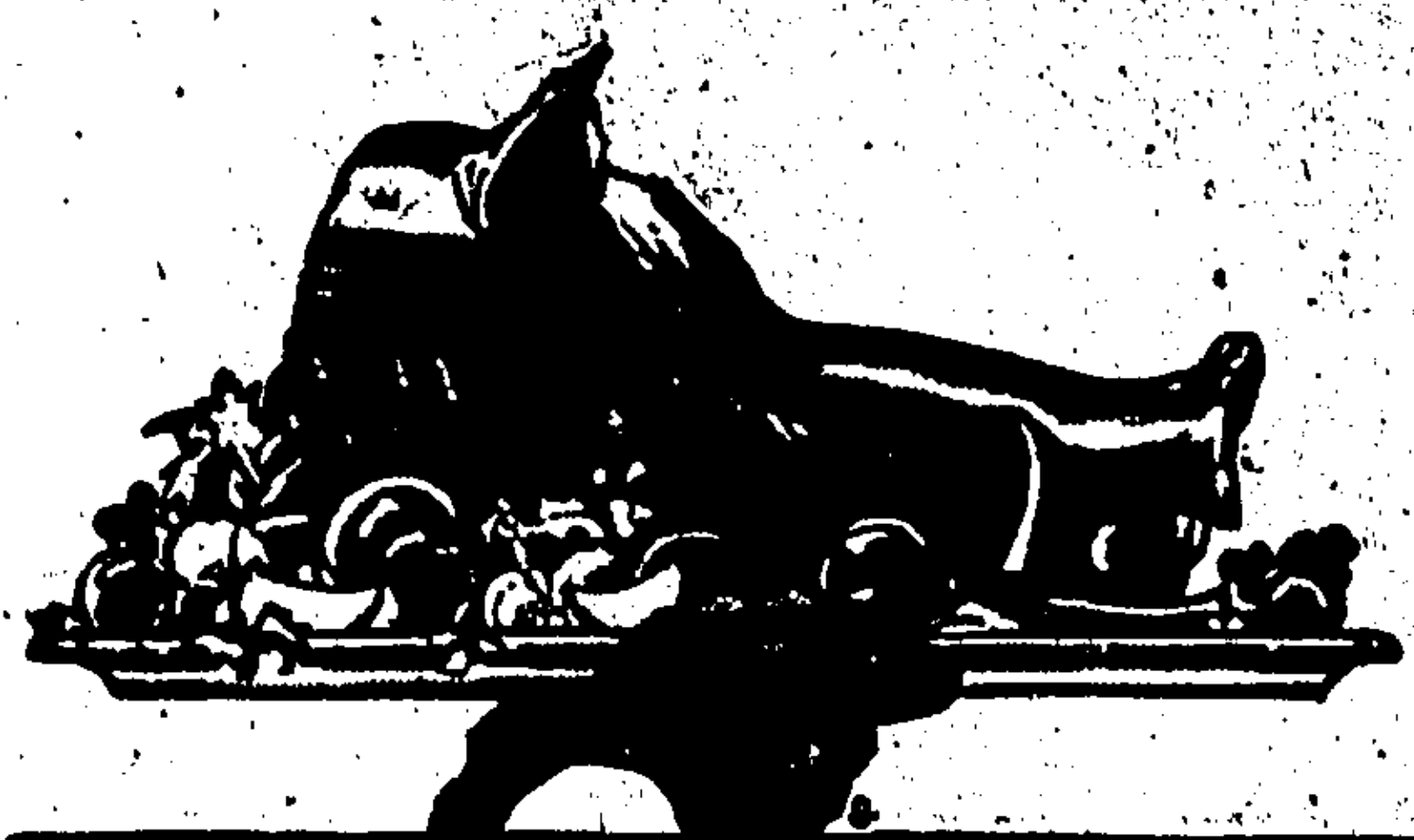
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WINTER HATS ARE EXTRAVAGANT.

Many Trimmings Now
Mode.

The makers of hat trimmings are happy because winter hats are all a-blowing with feathers, ribbons, metal and glass pins.

Velvet hats lend themselves to points the best, because these need not be exaggerated. The new felt hats are narrower in the crown. When these are not pointed somewhere, they are shaped like the black cap worn by a master of hounds, and are called the "Quorn."

New Decree For Underwear.

All obvious colours are avoided now for underwear. Crude pinks and whites are put aside for ice green, silver-parchment, and honey. Black is the only positive "colour."



Ice Blue New Tint For Brides.

Ice blue is the colour brides are choosing for the great day. Dress and veil are of this smoky "off-white" and a silver and diamond coronet on the brow completes the picture.

LIPSTICK FOR BLONDES

A new lipstick, made especially for blondes is called Nasturtium. It is a light red-orange, and looks its best worn with tweeds in the country. A lighter make-up is necessary there.

Hog-Skin Waterproofs Are New.

Hog-skin comes into the limelight these days in the form of the newest waterproof coat. It is much softer than the usual leather, it is a becoming sunshine yellow, and is worn with brown.

Metal Polish Cleans Celluloid.

Celluloid articles or celluloid motor car windows frequently become dirty, discoloured, and yellow. Clean with metal polish and rub afterwards with a soft duster.



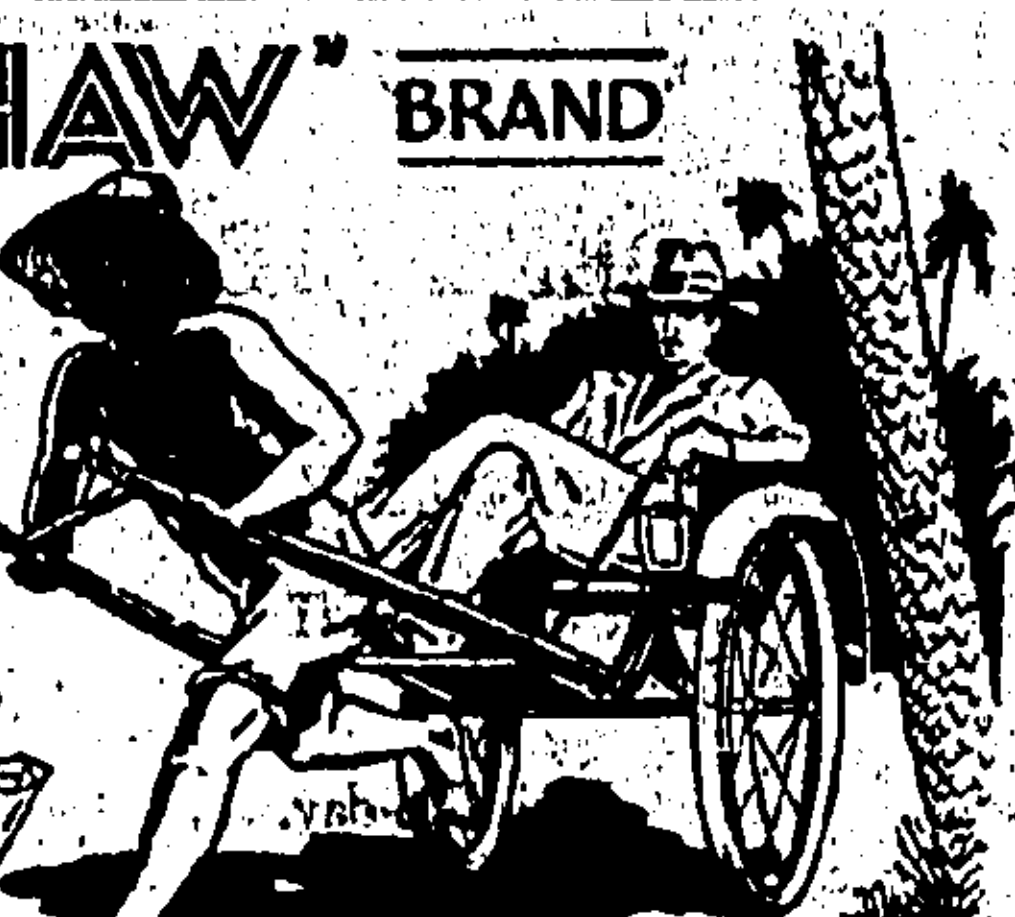
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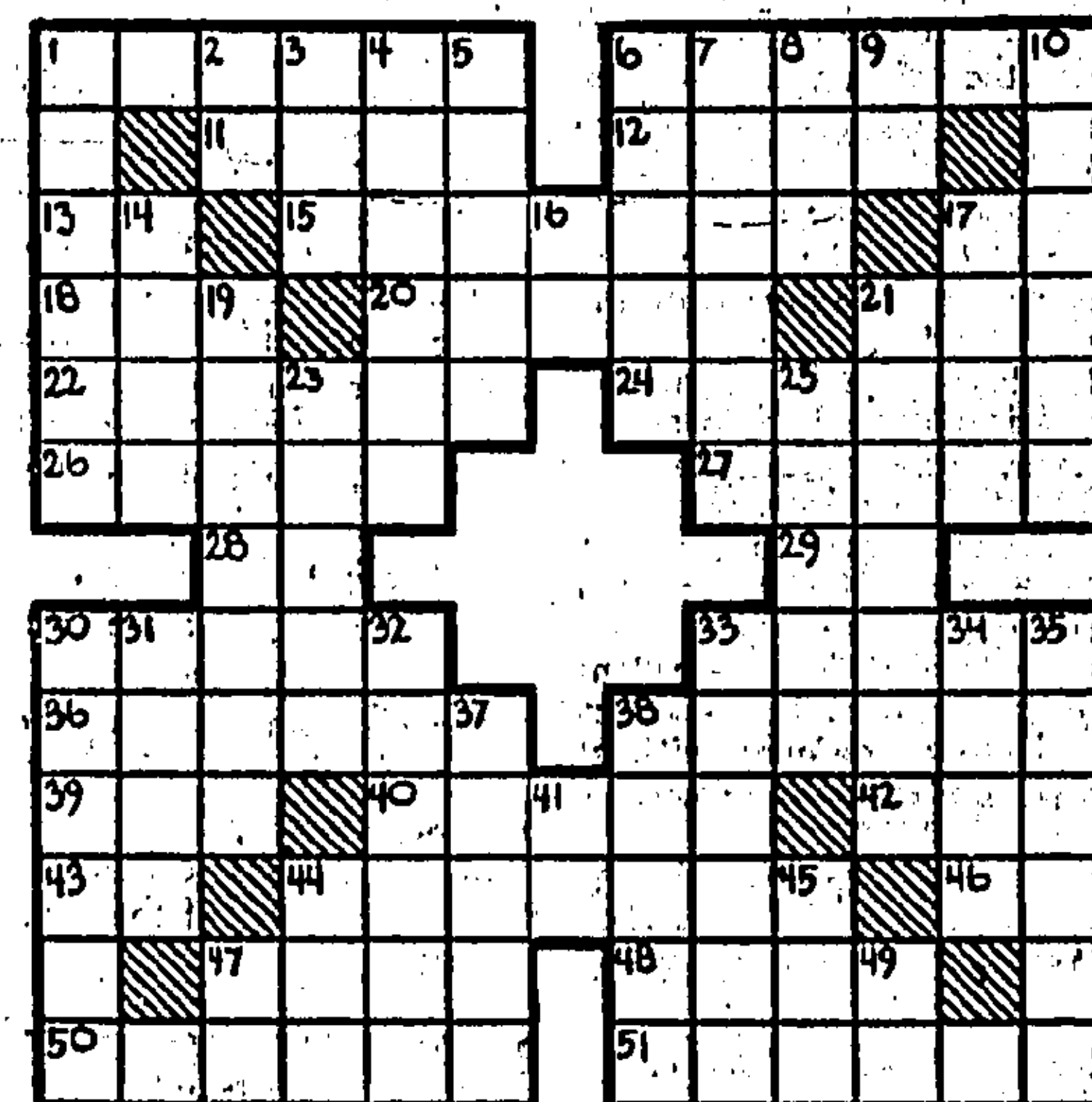
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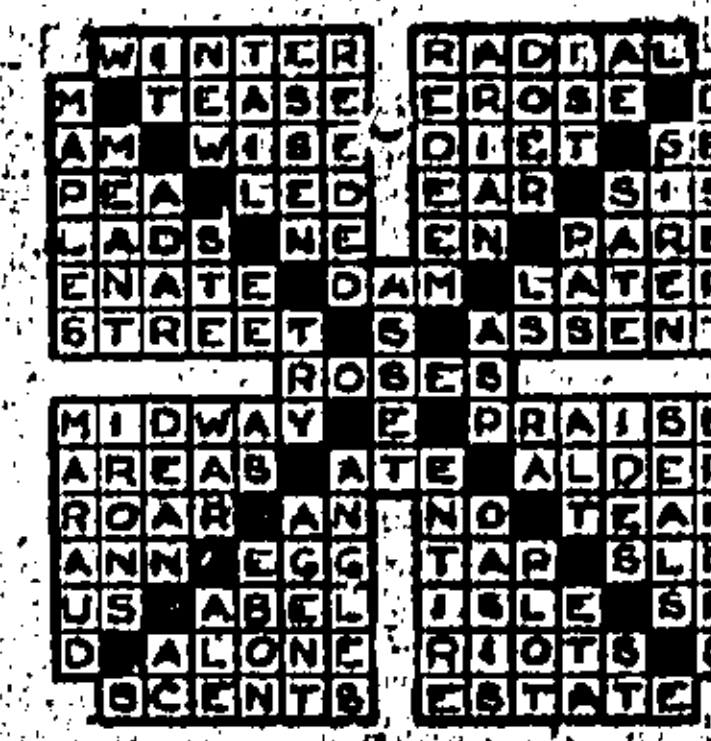
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| HORIZONTAL
1—Strikes
6—Wastes
11—An emperor of Rome
12—Heap
13—A printer's measure
15—An American soprano singer
17—Father (short)
18—Deep hole
20—Not at any time
21—A sailor (Colloq.)
22—Rubs out
24—Give
26—Slumbers
27—Tardier
28—Very
29—A pronoun
30—Severe
33—Apportion
36—Dormant
38—Tox
39—A dance
40—A medicinal drug
42—River in Scotland
43—Fair (abbr.) | HORIZONTAL (Cont.)
44—Decorated (abbr.)
46—A military officer (abbr.)
47—Ruled
48—A metal
50—Fears
51—A broad two-edged dagger
VERTICAL
1—Part of a lock
2—Ahead
3—Century (abbr.)
4—A coin of Denmark (pl.)
5—Inflamed places on the skin
6—Scouted
7—An antiseptic
8—Highest note of Guit's scale
9—A point of compass (abbr.)
10—One who shares
14—Mud | VERTICAL (Cont.)
16—Five hundred five (Rom.)
17—The top of the head
19—Pendant ornaments
21—Gossipped
22—Hard
25—Gleam
30—Weakened
31—Title of former Russian ruler
32—Wanted
33—At any point behind a vessel
34—Same as Ossel
35—Blood sucking fly of Africa
37—Gades
38—District in ancient Greece (Gr. Myth.)
41—European country (abbr.)
44—A constellation
45—Place of money (abbr.)
47—Exist
48—A continent (abbr.) |
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The solution of the above with a new cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue.

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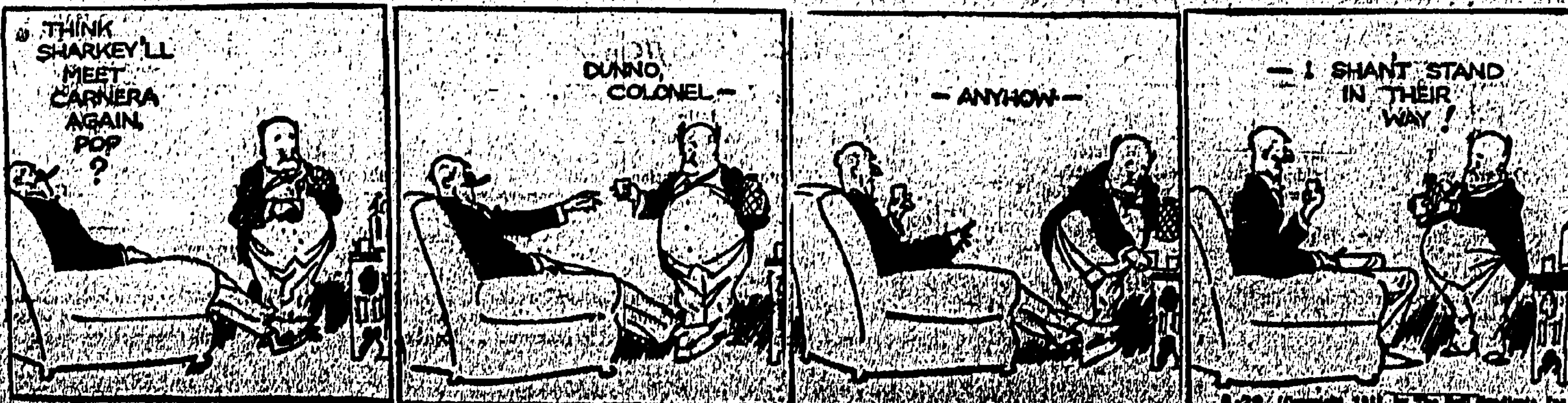
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Kowloon	dep.	8.15 12.45 4.35	
Canton	arr.	11.25 3.56 7.45	
December 29th, 30th, 31st, January 1st and 2nd.			
Canton	dep.	8.00 12.55 5.10	
Kowloon	arr.	11.06 4.07 8.19	

BRIDGE NOTES**CONTRACT BRIDGE**

BY ANCHORITE

XVI

(This series of articles is based on Culbertson's system of bidding.)

Opening Two No-Trump Bids
An opening bid of "Two No-Trump" is not forcing, as it does not give a choice between at least one suit and a no-trump. It requires about 5 honour tricks when vulnerable, and all four suits stopped.

This bid demands a raise on slightly better than 1 honour trick, and take-out with a five or six card biddable suit—always provided there is 1 honour trick in hand.

Not vulnerable, it may be weaker and based on a long solid minor suit, with a number of Queens and Knives in side suits. A raise can be made with 1 plus honour trick.

Opening Three No-Trump
This bid is made on hands containing at least eight sure tricks in honours, with all suits stopped and no biddable suit.

It could be made on the following hand:

Spades A K Q
Hearts A x x x
Diamonds A K x
Clubs A K x
Opening Suit Bids of Three and Four

The difference between opening bids of one and two, and opening bids of three and four, is that one and two bids require adequate trump support from partner, while three and four bids guarantee at least five sure trump tricks.

An opening major bid of three is only partly a shut-out bid, and requires some outside strength.

When not vulnerable, the requirements are 7-8 winning tricks in all (4 sure trump tricks), including 1 honour trick in side suits—a total of two-three honour tricks. Responding hand can raise with about 1 plus honour trick, or a good distribution (such as a singleton with three trumps).

When vulnerable, a minimum of 8 sure winners (5 sure trump tricks) is required, including 1½ honour tricks in outside strength—a total of 2-3½ honour tricks.

Partner can raise with about 1 honour trick, or good distribution (singleton with three trumps). Should partner consider a raise to slam, he must bear in mind that the bid guarantees 8 sure winners only, but not more than 3½ honour tricks in all.

Minor Bids
A minor opening bid of three must have a long powerful trump suit, such as A K Q J x x x and Queens and Knives in outside strength. It is generally considered inadvisable to open with a minor three suit bid.

A minor opening bid of four is partly a shut-out bid, and requires about 9 playing tricks when not vulnerable, and at least 9 when vulnerable. Responding hand can raise once with about 1 honour trick (one good distribution), not vulnerable, and 1½ honour tricks vulnerable. This bid, in comparison to a three bid, does not necessarily guarantee a solid trump suit, but the fact that the bid deliberately shuts out a bid of three no-trumps is an inference that the distribution is very freakish.

Pre-emptive Bids
Pre-emptive bids, or shut-out bids, are opening bids for game—four in majors, and five in minors. These bids guarantee a long powerful trump suit, and may have no outside strength whatsoever.

These hands are very strong in distribution, but weak in defence, and are entirely unsuited for either penalty doubles or take-outs. The requirements are eight playing tricks vulnerable, and seven playing tricks not vulnerable for major four; and nine playing tricks vulnerable, and eight not vulnerable, for minor five bids.

As these bids are based on two supporting tricks from dummy, if vulnerable, and three if not vulnerable, dummy must deduct these two and three tricks and raise with winners in excess of these only, but bearing in mind that opener has practically no outside strength.

With hands of above types the only way is to attack boldly, and hope to win through with a minimum loss.

FREAKISH HANDS
The following is one of the hands played in the recent International

Tournament and is a good illustration of the dangers of a seven bid.

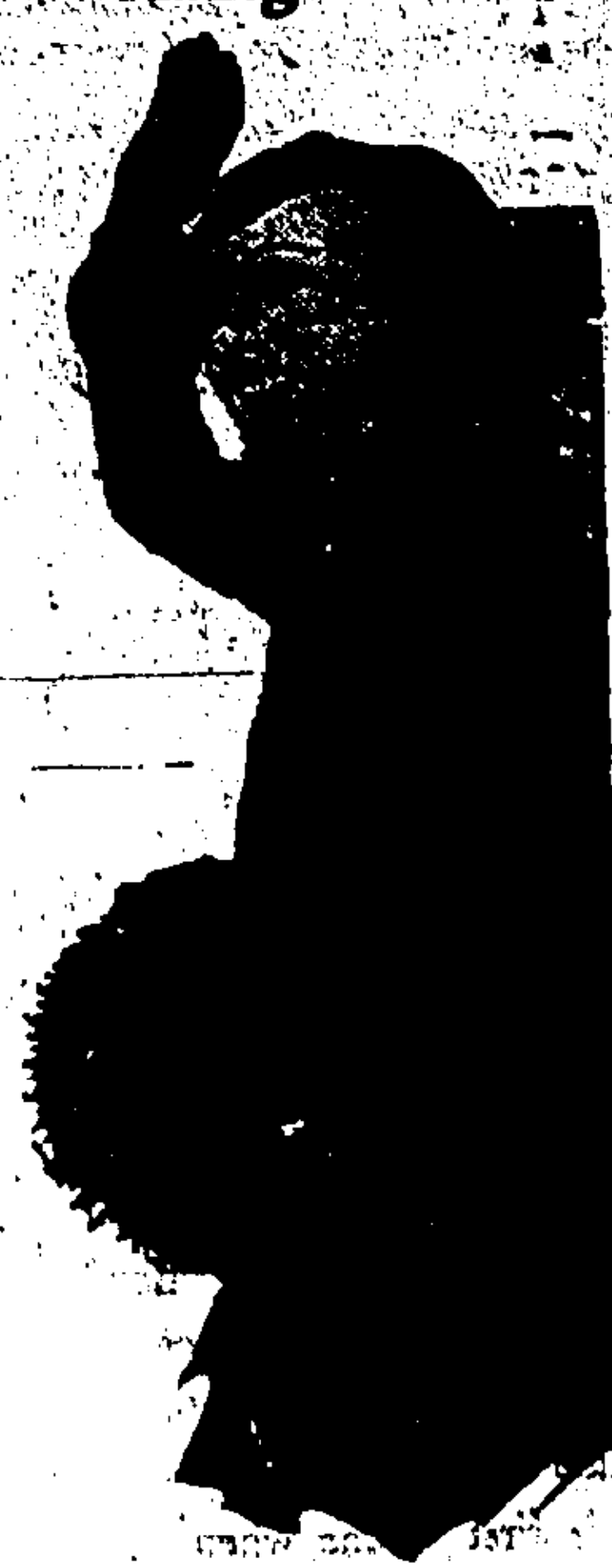
Both sides vulnerable
West, dealer

North:—
S—K Q J 10 7 5
H—A J
D—8 5 2
C—K Q

West:—
S—
H—K 10 8 7 5 4
D—K 7
C—J 8 5 5 2

East:—
S—
H—Q 9 6 3 2
D—Q 10, 9
C—10 9 7 4 3

South:—
S—A 9 8 6 4 3 2
H—
D—A J 6 4 3
C—A

Ailing Star

Pola Negri.
Following her collapse while appearing in a stage production at Pittsburgh, Pola Negri, glamorous stage and screen star, is undergoing a two-months "cure" in New York on orders of her physician.

Tournament and is a good illustration of the dangers of a seven bid.

Both sides vulnerable
West, dealer

North:—
S—K Q J 10 7 5
H—A J
D—8 5 2
C—K Q

West:—
S—
H—K 10 8 7 5 4
D—K 7
C—J 8 5 5 2

East:—
S—
H—Q 9 6 3 2
D—Q 10, 9
C—10 9 7 4 3

South:—
S—A 9 8 6 4 3 2
H—
D—A J 6 4 3
C—A

West North East South
Pass 1 Spade! Pass 6 Spades?

1 Too strong for a pre-emptive bid of three or four.

2 An interesting example of a deliberate refusal to make a forcing take-out, as South's hand is so freakish that the dangers of a seven bid are obvious. A bid of "Three Diamonds" followed by a bid of "Six Spades" would be a definite invitation for partner to bid seven if he holds more than a minimum opening bid, as it guarantees at least 8½ honour tricks. The immediate bid of "Six Spades" denies 3½ honour tricks and is a warning to partner that a grand slam should not be attempted.

The play:—Although the lead is immaterial, let us assume a Heart is led. Declarer realises at once that the contract depends upon the diamond situation. He wins first trick with Ace of Hearts, and immediately ruffs a Heart in dummy, and then leads out the Ace of Clubs. Returning to his own hand with a trump, he now wins his remaining high Club. The hand is now ready for the proper play of Diamonds. Declarer should lead a Diamond from his own hand, and take it with the Ace in dummy. Return a small one in the hope that the King or the Queen is alone in some hand. Should this be the case the player who takes that trick will be forced to lead either a Heart or a Club, which enables declarer to discard the last Diamond from his own hand. If one hand held King, Queen, small, in Diamonds, the contract would be decided.

"Puzzled Student" is requested to send his name and address to the Contract Bridge Editor who will forward a reply, as the question is too long to be answered in this column.

DUMMY PROBLEM
South, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable.

South:—
S—A K Q J 9
H—9 7 2
D—A 4
C—8 6 5

The bidding:
South West North East
1 Spade 2 Diamonds 4 Spades No bid
4 Spades No bid No bid No bid

Declarer made the contract of 4 Spades. What was the hand of Dummy (North)?

The answer to this problem will be given in the next instalment.

RADIO**TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME**

The following programmes will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres (845 K.C's):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European programme.
1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.

1.3 p.m.—Recorded music.
1.15 p.m.—A relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room, by courtesy of the Management. During the intervals recorded music will be broadcast from the Studio.

1.30 p.m.—Rugby Press News, etc.
2.15 p.m.—Close Down.
Two Studio Items To-night.
A B.B.C. Vaudeville Programme.

4.30-7.30 p.m.—Chinese programme.
6-8.15 p.m.—Children's Concert.
7.30-10.30 p.m.—European programme.

7.30 p.m.—From the Studio.
Selections by Larry Hendy and His Ukulele.

8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report.
8.3-9 p.m.—Selections by the London Symphony Orchestra conducted by Albert Coates; and the B.B.C. Singers. Overture—
May Night (Rimsky-Korsakow).

Vocal:—
(a) Vive la Compagnie (b) When Johnny Comes Marching Home
(c) There is a Tavern in the Town.
Harold Williams and the B.B.C. Male Chorus.

Orchestral:—
(a) The Mastersingers of Nuremberg—Dance of the Apprentices (Wagner).
(b) Hansel and Gretel (Humperdinck).

Vocal:—
(a) Where the Bee Sucks (Shakespeare & Arne).
(b) Come Let us Join the Roundelay (Beale).
(c) It Was a Lover and His Lass (Shakespeare & Morley).

The B.B.C. Wireless Singers.
Orchestral:—
Les Preludes—Symphonic Poem (Liszt).

9.15 p.m.—From the Studio.
The Radio Voices will again present, by special request, their drama—"LOVE OR LUCRE".

This is a story of a medieval love triangle. The major part of the drama takes place in the baronial hall, a plan of which is shown below. This plan should be before you when listening-in.

The characters, in their order of appearance, are
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Fair and fickle, wearing a wimple.

SIR BEDDOCK:
Plain though golden hearted. (Called by Lord Ronald a "dull square faced fool")

A special Commentator will keep up a running commentary throughout the drama, in order that you may follow the movements of the actors.

9.15-10.15 p.m.—A B.B.C. Vaudeville Programme, compiled by Tommy Handley.

CAST:
Alexander & Moss.
Charlie Coburn.
Bransby Williams.
Anona Winn.
Tommy Handley.
Lily Morris.

The B.B.C. Dance Orchestra conducted by Henry Hall.
10.15-11 p.m.—Two Chopin Ballades played by Alfred Cortot.
(a) In F Major (Opus 38)
(b) In A Flat (Opus 47)

10.30 p.m.—Rugby Mid-day Press News.
10.35 p.m.—Close Down.
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Sporting Page

CHINA TO CLASH WITH PORTUGAL

A. V. Gosano May Lead Challengers.

FUNG MAY NOT PLAY
(By OUTSIDE LEFT).

Monday and Tuesday will witness the completion of Semi-Final rounds of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition when China meet Portugal and Wales meet England.

Portugal, who have selected fifteen players, will have to produce excellent form to defeat last year's winners, China, who, although they have lost several of their best men, are still a formidable force.

The Chinese team will be probably consist of Wong Wing (S.C.A.A.), Li Tin-sang and Leung In-chun (S.C.A.A.), Lai Kwok-chiu (C.A.A.), Leung Wing-chui and Lai Kwok-wai (S.C.A.A.), Yeung Shui-yick (S.C.A.A.), Ip Yuen-lam (S.C.A.A.), Ho Ka-keung (C.A.A.), Tam Kong-pak and Tay Quee-liang (S.C.A.A.).

I have selected Ho Ka-keung in the eventuality of Fung King-cheong being unable to turn out owing to illness, while Lai Kwok-chiu is an outstanding half and the equal, if not the better, of Tong Kwan of South China who usually fills that position.

Not Representative

Portugal have not yet selected their team, but it is not likely to be as strong as it might have been judging from the fifteen selected players.

The selectors will probably include several of the Recreio men instead of leaving the Saints' team with the exception of Silva-Netto in defence instead of A. V. Gosano, who would fill the centre forward position vacated by David Leonard.

A. V. Gosano will require a great deal of watching by the Chinese halves, while his brother, who will probably fill the outside right berth, will also require a watchful eye.

China's strength at forward will be opposed to Beltrao of the Saints, and possibly Elms, the other wing half position possibly being filled by a Recreio player in Sousa.

Should Fung King-cheong play, his partnership with Tam Kong-pak will be the most dangerous on the field, while the Yeung Shui-yick and Ip Yuen-lam partnership will also be considerably in the limelight if I am not mistaken.

Soccer Personalities 111



MULLANE

(South Wales Borderers).

ONE of the outstanding service players since the Borderers' arrival in the Colony, Daniel Mullane, the Borderers' right full-back played in his first big game in Cairo after leaving his native shore.

Born in Pontlottyn, South Wales, in 1908, he first played soccer for his school in Pontlottyn, and was such an outstanding success at right back that he gained three Welsh Schoolboy International trials and was selected as first reserve in the 1924-25 season.

In 1927 Mullane enlisted with the Borderers and left Wales for Egypt, playing in his first big representative game in Cairo when the Borderers played in the Egyptian Command Final.

After playing for his Battalion during their time in Cairo, Mullane

LINCOLNS SHOULD RETAIN LEAD

SOUTH CHINA MAY BE WITHOUT FUNG

POLICE FAVOURED TO BEAT KOWLOON OVER HOLIDAYS

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

THE Christmas holidays will provide a very mediocre League Football programme with the Borderers and Club supplying the one interesting encounter.

THE Lincolns, who have definitely established themselves as League leaders, are not likely to meet with much opposition from the Artillery whom they meet at the Valley.

THE Club, though F. Fowler is far from fit, should get the better of the Borderers who have had a fortnight's rest from League football. It will be a close game in which the Club trio, Howe, E. Strange, and Bickford, will probably prove the deciding factor.

The Club suffered a serious lapse last week when they tried out the right wing formation of Hill and Fowler. The latter was distinctly off form and if I am not mistaken his injured right foot is still troubling him.

Hill made an excellent debut at inside right, but his openings, although magnificent pieces of work, were not for Fowler but for Howe, who bungled badly with mistimed shots.

I suggest that Fowler be a given rest for a week or two and in the meantime the Club should bring one of their second team players up for the outside right position.

The Borderers have not shown consistent form this season but are by no means a spent force. Their encounter with the Club on Saturday should provide a fairly even struggle with the Club slightly on top.

The Mullane-Morrison partnership has never been better than this season, and if only an improvement could be made at right half, now filled by Wallace, the Borderers would have been one of this season's most formidable challengers.

The trouble with Wallace is that he plays too many mid-week games and as a result is stale by the time the week-end games arrive.

Left Wing Danger

To win Saturday's encounter, the Borderers will have to stem the left wing formation of Bickford and E. Strange, while Howe and Hill will want careful watching. I do not think that Fowler can maintain the form he showed at the beginning of the season under the circumstances, and therefore will not constitute a real danger to the Borderers.

A game which should provide a well-balanced affair should be the Kowloon and Police clash on the Railway ground.

The Police, after a shaky start, have improved by leaps and bounds, providing a sensation by drawing with St. Joseph's last Saturday.

CHAMPIONS' ELEVEN

The following will represent South China against the East Lanes on Sunday in their First Division League encounter:— Wong Wing, Li Tin-sang and Lau Man, Leung In-chun, Leung Wing-chui and Lee Kwok-wai; Yeung Shui-yick, Ip Yuen-lam, Fung King-cheong, Tam Kong-pak and Tay Quee-liang.

came with his Regiment to Hong Kong. In 1921 he was selected to play right-back for the Colony against Shanghai, but the trouble up North unfortunately cancelled the Interiors. He was, however, again selected in 1922 when he accompanied the victorious Colony team to Shanghai in November last year when they defeated the Northerners by the odd goal to seven.

Following Allen's arrival in the Colony, Mullane was selected as first reserve against Shanghai in February this year.

Last year Mullane in partnership with Morrison played a great part in the Borderers' serious challenge for League and Shield honours.

Outside Left.

ENGLAND SHOULD BEAT WELSH ELEVEN

Faster Forwards And Hard-Working Halves

McGUIRE'S CLAIMS FOR RECOGNITION

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

Now that China have been weakened by the absence of several of their brilliant players, it very much looks as if England, who play their first game when they meet Wales during the Christmas holidays, will win this year's "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition.

England's team has not yet been selected, but it will probably be as follows:—

Combey (R.A.); Allen (R.A.) and S. Strange (Club); McGuire (Navy); Bickford (R.A.) and Skinner (Club); Bickford (R.A.), E. Strange (Club); Langmead (Navy) or Howe (Club); Ridley and Hocquard (Lincolns).



This is a very sound combination as it possesses, in addition to a good forward line with speed and brains, an excellent defence, both in the last line and in the half backs.

McGuire, the Navy's pivot, certainly deserves a place, his performance in the Lal Wah Cup Competition alone justifying his inclusion.

Wales have also an excellent defence in Mullane and Morrison, while the halves, Channings, and his wings, Wallace and Jones (77), are also of a high standard, although the former appears to have struck a stale patch.

England's chances of entering the Final are bright, for they possess faster forwards and harder working halves.

Wales' most anxious moments will be when Howe and his left wing combination of Ridley and Hocquard break through. Ridley will be the most dangerous of the English forwards, while E. Strange, should he play at inside right, will require careful shadowing. His speed and swerve has often left an opposing half or back standing.

Wales certainly gave a good account of themselves against Scotland, but in that game they were playing against a demoralised team. In meeting England they will be coming up against the possible winners and a decidedly superior team on paper.

Saturday

FIRST DIVISION	
Artillery	LINCOLNS (Happy Valley, 4 p.m.)
Borderers	CLUB (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)
Kowloon	POLICE (Kowloon, 4 p.m.)
Recreio	ROYAL NAVY (King's Park, 4 p.m.)
ST. JOSEPH'S	Athletic (Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.)

SECOND DIVISION	
Navy	SOUTH CHINA (Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.)
Kowloon	Y. INDIANS (Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.)
Borderers	Artillery (Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.)
LINCOLNS	Club (Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.)

THIRD DIVISION	
Recreio	BORDERERS (King's Park, 2.30 p.m.)
Radio	E.A.M.C. (Athletic, 4 p.m.)
ENGINEERS	R.A.F. (St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.)
LINCOLNS	SOUTH CHINA (Chatham Road, 4 p.m.)

Sunday

FIRST DIVISION	
East Lanes	SOUTH CHINA (Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.)

Monday

SUNDAY NIGHT CUP SEMI-FINALS	
China	Portugal
Wales	England

Lincolns Third Team Create Record

Clark May Establish New Goal Scoring Figures

SAINTS' FIRST CHAMPIONSHIP?

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

HO KA KEUNG, the Athletic inside forward, leads the First Division goal-scorers as the result of his "hat trick" against the Club on Saturday. Wong Mel-shun, the South China inside forward, and Albert Howe, the Club centre, are close on his heels.

Clark, the tall Lincolns' leader in the Third Division, is out to break a League record. Four goals against the Radio on Saturday brought his total to 24. He will be leaving the Colony in February, by which time he should have reached the half century.

There were five goals in twelve minutes in a "Spurs" v. West Ham match, and in Sydney Bradman got a century in 46 minutes. This sort of thing only encourages heavy-weight boxers to go out in split seconds.

Though many do not know it the Lincolns' Third Division team have established a new record by winning their first eleven games. Leading by 6 points with a goal average above five they are almost assured of the title.

Cigarette coupons are to be stopped. "Just when I'd arranged a profitable exchange for one of our players," grumbled a football manager.

South China's lucky win against the Police by the only goal was the fore-runner of three serious checks in their defence of the League Championship. They lost to the Club, were lucky to draw with the Navy, beat Kowloon decisively, and then lost to the Lincolns.

The Club and the Recreio were the only teams to win against South China last year.

The Lincolns' present League leaders, will be losing Pte. Reid (goalkeeper), Pte. Roden (right back), L/Cpl. Cork (centre-half), and Cpl. Bett (right half) in February when the troopship leaves.

They will have matches against the following to fulfil with a depleted team: East Lanes, Athletic, St. Joseph's, Navy, Police, Recreio, and Artillery.

Pte. Worrall, the centre-half, and L/Cpl. Deacon, goalkeeper, will be missed by the Lincolns' second team, who are still in the running for honours when the troopship sails in February.

A club of bakers' assistants in Tooling and Mitcham are not to be allowed to play football on Sundays. Instead they just have to loaf around.

League Goal Scorers To Date

Athletic Inside Forward Leads First Division

CLARK REACHES 24

(By OUTSIDE LEFT.)

THE following is a complete League goal-scoring list to date, the qualification being four goals:—

FIRST DIVISION	
Ho Ka-keung (Athletic)	10
Wong Mel-shun (S. China)	9
Fowler (Club)	8
Howe (Club)	8
Leonard (St. Joseph's)	7
Ridley (Lincolns)	7
B. Gosano (St. Joseph's)	7
Higgins (Lincolns)	7
Green (Police)	7
Pan Ka Ping (S. China)	6
Lawrence (Navy)	6
Hawkesford (Borderers)	6
At Pte. Ming (Athletic)	6
James (Borderers)	6
Elliot (Borderers)	6
Ward (St. Joseph's)	6
Tam Kong-pak (S. China)	6
E. Strange (Club)	6
McGuire (Navy)	6
Ridley (Navy)	6
At Pte. Ming (Athletic)	6

SECOND DIVISION	
McNeill (Navy)	10
Duncan (Club)	9
Forster (Borderers)	8
Morris (Borderers)	8
Tate (Lincolns)	7
Terbert (Borderers)	7
Chappell (Navy)	7
Ng Kai (S. China)	6
Ellsworth (Navy)	6
Lai Sol Wink (S. China)	6
Murphy (Borderers)	6
Griffiths (Lincolns)	6
Barnett (Navy)	6
Hamed (Y. Indians)	6
A. M. Omar (Y. Indians)	6
Ball (Club)	6
Wing (Lincolns)	6
Fairbank (Navy)	6

THIRD DIVISION	
Clark (Lincolns)	24
Clark (Borderers)	12
Morgan (Borderers)	12
Pope (R.A.M.C.)	9
Campos (Recreio)	9
Wilson (Borderers)	9
Harper (Lincolns)	7
To Wal Hing (S. China)	6
Wetherby (Lincolns)	6
Ridley (Lincolns)	6
King (R.A.M.C.)	6
Setters (Lincolns)	6
Gregory (R.A.F.)	6

BEST HOME RACING SEASON UNDER REVIEW

Nearly 5,000 Horses In Training During Season

HYPERION STANDS ALONE

Manchester, Nov. 15

MR. A. Bozmann's Jean's Dream, won the Manchester November Handicap, which brought the 1933 flat racing season in England to a close. Mr. Ben Warner's Free Fare ran second and Mr. F. H. Gregory's Bon Soldat was third. Jean's Dream, a 20-1 shot, flashed past the winning post a half-length ahead of Free Fare, while Bon Soldat was three lengths back, out-run in the stretch.

Mr. Washington Singer's Leighton was the favourite at 8 to 1. Free Fare paid his backers 9 to 1 for the place and Bon Soldat paid 50 to 1.

Generally acknowledged one of the best seasons for many years, racing was conducted on a high plane throughout the year, although trainers were handicapped owing to the prolonged summer drought. Many tracks reported better attendances than last year, while bookmakers and the totalisator experienced a considerable increase in patronage.

A feature of the season was the riding of Gordon Richards, who set up a new English record of 259 winners, bettering Fred Archer's 48-year-old record of 246 in one season.

Richards, who is only 28 years old, frequently rode four or five winners in one day, and on one occasion rode twelve winners in succession. He weighs 105 pounds, and has been champion jockey of England six times since 1925.

Approximately 5,000 horses were kept in training during the season which to-day's race brought to a close, and of these Lord Derby's Hyperion proved the most successful, winning both the Epsom Derby and Doncaster St. Leger in smashing style.

A mere pony in size, Hyperion is considered by many judges as the best classic winner seen on the English turf for many years.

He credited his popular owner with £23,000 in stakes, and a brilliant four-year-old career is prophesied for the champion son of Gainborough.

NEXT DERBY FAVOURITE

Next in the honours list came Lord Glanely's two-year-old Colombo, bred from a Derby winner, Manna, out of Lady Nalgine, and bought by his present owner for a few hundred pounds. This youngster won all his seven races, totalling £17,000 in stakes, and is favourite for next year's Derby.

The above-mentioned owners, Lord Derby and Lord Glanely, headed the winning owners' list, totalling approximately £27,000 and £23,000 respectively.

Next came Lord Astor and the Aga Khan with about £17,000 each, while King George, who experienced his best season for some time, won ten races in which the purses totalled £8,000. His best horse was the four-year-old Limglight, which won the Newbury Spring Cup, the Hardwicke Stakes at Ascot and the Duke of York Handicap at Kempton Park.

Amongst the successful breeders Sir Alec Black, who bred the season's champion two-year-old Colombo, headed the list, horses from his stud winning £35,000 in stakes.

Lord Derby came next with £23,000, while French-bred horses once again took a prominent part, totalling £27,000 in winnings. Mr. Fred Darling, of Beckenham, the Honourable George Lambton and Mr. Frank Butters, of Newmarket, were the most successful trainers, while William Nevett, Pat Reasley, Richard Farryman and the veteran Fred Fox, trained Richards in the "jockeys' list." United Press.

HOME RUGBY.

Yorkshire & Lancashire Cups.

In the semi-final of the Lancashire Cup Oldham beat Wigan by 21 points to 15, on October 25. The following are the results of the Second round matches in the Yorkshire Cup: Bradford 5, Huddersfield 8; Leeds 5, Hull Kingston Rovers 9; York 15, Hull 2. The Australians' Rugby players beat Widnes by 21 points to nil on October 24.

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Current Accounts opened in Local Currency and Fixed Deposits received for one year or shorter periods at rates which will be quoted on application.
Hong Kong, 22nd May, 1933.

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The business of the bank is conducted on the basis of the HONG KONG SAVINGS BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

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V. M. ORATURN, Chief Manager.
Hong Kong, 24th April, 1933.

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Deposits received for fixed periods at rates to be obtained on application.
H. MOSE, Manager.
Hong Kong, 11th September, 1933.

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Incorporated by Royal Charter, 1853.

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Paid-up Capital \$25,000,000
Reserve Fund \$25,000,000
Total Assets \$75,000,000

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Foreign Exchange and General Banking business transacted.
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A. BREARLEY, Manager.
Hong Kong, 17th November, 1932.

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Established 1912.

Head Office: Hong Kong.

Authorized Capital (H.K. Currency) \$11,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$2,500,000
Reserve Fund \$1,100,000

BRANCHES:—
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LOOK POONG SHAN, Chief Manager.

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KAN TONG PO, Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 24th November, 1933.

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EXCHANGES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

On London—
T. T. 1/4%
On demand 1/4%
Four months' sight 1/5%
Credits 4 months' sight 1/5%
On New York—
On demand 3/8%
Credits 60 days' sight 3/8%
On Paris—
On demand 5/8%
Credits 4 months' sight 6/27%
On India—
T. T. 93%
On demand 93%
On Shanghai—
On demand 110%
On Japan—
On demand 116%
On Manila—
On demand 71%
On Singapore—
On demand 60%
On Batavia—
On demand 56%
On Saigon—
On demand 58%
On Bangkok—
On demand 133 nom.
Sovereigns bank buy-
ing rate 1/5%
Bar Silver per oz. 18%
Bar Silver in Hong
Kong nom.
Copper Cents nom.
Copper Cents 1% prem.
Rate of Native Interest 3 1/4% p.a.
Chinese Sub. Coin 3 1/2% p.a.
Hong Kong Sub. Coin par.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

A.O.F.C. Quotations.

New York, Dec. 18.

Last To-day's Changes.
Aver. Aver.
30 Industrials 97.20 97.25 .05 up
20 Rails 40.15 39.96 .19 down
20 Utilities 23.01 22.72 .29 down
40 Bonds 82.94 82.79 .15 down
Messrs. E. A. Pierce & Co. Report:—There was nothing of interest in the market to-day. It looks as though there was a substantial amount of switching and outside interest severely restricted. Wheat: Holiday dullness was pronounced, with prices fluctuating slowly within narrow as somewhat bearish. Cotton: The tone was steady. Sentiment continues friendly despite lack of any important speculative demand. Silver: Interest was nominal with a small turnover. The only interesting trading that occurred was the buying of 15 lots for February by one broker.

Business Done:—1,020,000 shares.

Air Reduction 99 98
Allied Chemical & Dye 143 144 1/4
American Can 94 94 1/4
American Smelting 41 41 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. 110 110
American Tobacco "B" 70 70 1/2
American Waterworks 18 18 1/2
Anaconda Copper Mining 13 13 1/2
Armstrong 55 55 1/2
Bendix Aviation 15 15 1/2
Borden Co. 20 20
Canadian Pacific 72 72 1/2
Caterpillar Co. 23 23
Chase National Bank 17 17 1/2
Chrysler Motors 50 50 1/2
Consolidated Gas of N.Y. 37 37
Curtis Wright 2 2 1/2
Do Pont de Nemours 88 88
Eastman Kodak 78 78 1/2
Electric Auto-Lite Co. 18 18 1/2
Electric Power & Light 11 11 1/2
General Electric 18 18 1/2
General Foods 34 34 1/2
General Motors 32 32 1/2
Gillette Safety 8 8 1/2
Goodyear 17 17 1/2
Internat. Harvester 38 38 1/2
Internat. Tel. & Tel. 13 13 1/2
Liggett & Myers "B" 80 80 1/2
Loew's Inc. 29 29
Montgomery Ward 21 21 1/2
National Biscuit 46 46 1/2
National City Bank 18 18 1/2
National Dairy Products 12 12 1/2
Otis Elevator 14 14 1/2
Pacific Gas & Electric 17 17 1/2
Packard Motors 34 34
Payson & Co. 20 20 1/2
Radio Corp. 43 43 1/2
Scars Roebuck 40 40 1/2
Standard Brands 21 21 1/2
Standard Gas 73 73 1/2
Standard Oil Co. of N.J. 44 44 1/2
Sooey-Vacuum Corp. 15 15 1/2
Texas Corp. 25 25 1/2
Union Carbide & Carbon 44 44 1/2
United Pacific 11 11 1/2
United Air & Transport 31 31 1/2
United Corp. 45 45 1/2
United States Steel 46 46 1/2
Westinghouse E. & M. 87 87 1/2

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Reserve Funds \$5,820,505.53

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4, Queen's Road Central.

SHOU J. CHEN, Manager.

Hong Kong, 5th March, 1931.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LTD.

HEAD OFFICE: 11, Collyer Quay, Singapore.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000
Subscribed Capital \$10,000,000
Paid-up Capital \$10,000,000
Reserve Fund & Rest \$1,345,735

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J. J. BROWN, Manager.

Hong Kong, 2nd May, 1933.

INTERNATIONAL TIN QUOTAS.

Plan For Reserve Stocks.

London, To-day.

With reference to the tin reserve of 8,000 tons advocated by tin control interests, in a memorandum drawn up yesterday, well-informed tin quarters in London, while declining to discuss actual figures, yesterday told *Reuter* that the International Tin Committee has examined and submitted to the Governments concerned, a plan for setting aside some proportion of the next quota increase to establish a reserve stock when the market supplies become normal.

It is understood that the Malayan Chamber of Mines, both of which have accorded support to the proposal.—*Reuter*.

LOCAL DOLLAR UNCHANGED.

Silver Steady.

The dollar marks no change, opening to-day at 1/4%.

Silver prices remained unchanged yesterday, spot closing at 18% and forward at 18 11/16.

The cross-rate London on New York stands at 2-08 1/2 (185.12 1/2).

While New York on London is 185.12 1/2.

Artificial Tummy Aids Science

"Man's best friend" is a title often bestowed upon our canine pets, and the dog is proving his friendship in more ways than by faithful companionship. This dog, "Romeo," shown with E. C. Elliot, of Northwestern University, has been the object of experiments for more than five years as university surgeons and scientists carry on research work, seeking cure of ulcers and other stomach ills. "Romeo" has undergone many operations and has an artificial stomach pouch, with the aid of which scientists have developed a non-surgical cure for stomach ulcers.



COTTON, SILVER AND WHEAT

Latest Quotations.

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKETS

New York, Dec. 20.

Messrs. Asia Lands Ltd. have received the following quotations on the New York cotton and wheat, rubber, silk and silver exchanges on the Commodity Exchange Inc. New York:—
Closing Commodity Prices on December 19.
SILVER: Commodity Exchange Inc. of New York:
Dec. 18 Range Dec. 19 Range
Mar. 44.45 44.50 44.30 44.30
May 44.95 45.02 44.86 44.69
July 45.50 45.50 45.35 45.35
Total sales for the day:—
113 contracts of — 99 contracts of 25,000 ozs each 25,000 ozs each
Market:—Steady.

RUBBER: Commodity Exchange Inc. of New York:

December 8.62 8.65
March 8.95 8.98
May 9.20 9.23
July 9.40 9.45
Standard No. 1 "B" Contract.

Total sales for the day:—

273 contracts — 129 contracts

NATIONAL SILEX EXCHANGE.

Dec. 18 Range Dec. 19 Range

Dec. 1.30 1.31 1.29 1.30 1/2

SUGAR.

Sugar: New York, Sugar & Coffee Exchange:

December 1.18 1.12
March 1.19 1.18
May 1.25 1.24
Market:—Quiet.

COTTON.

Cotton: New York Cotton Exchange:

Dec. 18 Range Dec. 19 Range

Dec. 9.86 9.86 9.91 9.91

Jan. 9.86 9.87 9.95 9.95

Mar. 10.05 10.05 10.12 10.12

May 10.18 10.19 10.26 10.27

July 10.32 10.33 10.42 10.42

Oct. 10.48 10.48 10.61 10.61

Midling

Spot 10.05 10.15

CHICAGO WHEAT.

Wheat: Chicago Board of Trade:

Dec. 18, Dec. 19.

December 82 1/2 81 1/2

May 84 1/2 84 1/2

July 83 1/2 83 1/2

Total sales for the day:—

10,000,000 — 10,000,000 bushels

SANITARY BOARD

Dr. R. A. de C. Basto

Seeks Re-election.

Dr. Roberts Alexandre de Castro

Basto, M.R.C.P., M.R.C.S. (Eng.),

M.D. (Lausanne), M.B. (Hong

Kong), et cetera, the member of the

Sanitary Board whose term ex-

pires this week, is being nominated

for re-election by the Hon Mr. J. P.

Bras and seconded by Professor

Kenneth H. Digby.

Dr. Basto, who practices as an

ear, eye, nose and throat specialist,

in Hong Kong, was at one time

President Assistant Surgeon to the

St. James' Hospital, Brompton, London.

S.E. and is at present Honorary

Visiting Specialist to the Kwong

Wah Hospital.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CUSTOMS NOTIFICATION.

THE OFFICES and STATIONS of the CHINESE MARITIME CUSTOMS for Kowloon and District will be CLOSED to Public Business on the 25th and 31st December, 1933, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th January, 1934, being Customs Holidays.

E. N. ENSOR, Commissioner of Chinese Customs, Kowloon and District, York Building, Hong Kong, 19th December, 1933.

GENERAL NOTICES.

THE CHINA LIGHT & POWER COMPANY (1918), LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FIFTEENTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Mercantile Bank Building, Victoria, Hong Kong, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of December, 1933, at 12 o'clock (Noon), for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the financial year ended 30th September, 1933, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, 23rd December, 1933, until SATURDAY, 13th January, 1934, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

NOEL BRAGA, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 16th December, 1933.

COMING SHORTLY!



AT THE KING'S

DISORDERLY HOUSE PROSECUTION.

Woman Fined \$100.

Pleading guilty to keeping a disorderly house at 20, Tai Wong Street, a Chinese woman, Wong Ho, was fined \$100, in default two months' hard labour, at the Central Police Court this morning.

A Chinese, charged with soliciting for the same house, claimed that he was a congee seller, and offered to bring his master to Court to prove his statement.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until to-morrow.

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ON THE STAGEAT THE
KING'S**MUI-TSAI RULES
FLOUTED.**Change Of Address
Not Notified.**TWO MISTRESSES FINED**

For failing to notify her change of address as the mistress of a mui-tsai, Li Yin-hing, a married woman, living at 179 Lockhart Road, second floor, was fined \$25 by Mr. Hamilton at the Central Police Court.

Sub-Inspector Fraser said that the woman knew the regulations and, having been warned previously, had no excuse.

Another Chinese woman, Chan Leung Ki, living at 73 Wanchai Road, third floor, was fined \$15 for a similar offence.

**"MY
WEAKNESS"****HE ACCOSTED THE
WRONG MAN**Christmas Greeting To
Police Officer.**TWO CHINESE GAOLED FOR
SOLICITING**

Accosting Sub-Inspector Baker, attached to the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, outside the Post Office Building last night with a greeting of "A Merry Christmas, Sir," an unemployed Chinese, Lo Kong, solicited on behalf of a prostitute.

Before attempting to arrest the man, Sub-Inspector Baker permitted him to get in touch with an associate, Yu Tong Kam, and another Chinese. He then arrested the two named men, but the third escaped by jumping into the harbour and could not be found.

Charged at the Central Magistracy this morning before Mr. Balfour with soliciting, both defendants pleaded guilty.

Sub-Inspector Baker said that the Police took a serious view of the case as soliciting in the Central district was increasing. The accused were sentenced to two months' hard labour each.

**RETURNING FROM
BANISHMENT.**One Chinese Gaoled
One Remanded.

Arrested in Connaught Road Central within 25 hours of being banished from the Colony for ten years, Kwok Ping, an unemployed Chinese, was charged before Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning.

Sub-Inspector Vincent, who prosecuted, asked for the case to be committed to the Criminal Sessions.

The Magistrate adjourned the case until Saturday morning.

In another case, Leung Mui was sentenced to six months' hard labour for returning to the Colony after being banished for five years on October 19 last. He pleaded guilty.

**GAMBLING HOUSE
RAIDED.**

Keepers Fined \$400.

Before Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning, Lo Shing and Chan Sik were convicted upon charges of keeping a common gambling house on the third floor at 30 Tung St., and of unlawful possession of 708 *pin* lottery tickets.

Fines of \$100, in default five weeks' imprisonment were imposed on the first charge, and \$300, in default two months' on the second.

News In Brief.

The forthcoming marriage between Lieutenant John Crow Richardson of the 1st Battalion, the South Wales Borderers, and Rosemary Lucy May, of Cowdown, Ithen Abbas, now en route to the Colony on the P. and O. s.s. Chitral, is announced.

The Empress of Canada, which left Shanghai this morning, is due in Hong Kong on Friday at 7 a.m. and will leave for Manila at 8 p.m. the same day.

The sixth annual dance of the Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club will be held at Lane, Crawford's Restaurant on Friday, January 12, at 9 p.m.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Finance Committee of the Legislative Council votes totalling \$11,897 will come up for consideration. The largest single item is \$8,000, for maintenance and supply of furniture.

Lung Mui, 23, who was banished in October this year, was sentenced by Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning, to six months' hard labour for returning to the Colony.

The forthcoming marriage between Gilbert Alexander Hook, Clerk in Holy Orders, of the Emmanuel Hospital, Nanning, Kwangsi, and Margery Victoria Bennett, of White House, Taipei, Hong Kong, is announced.

Liu Li-tze, a Chinese woman, a native of Shanghai, who appeared before Mr. Balfour at the Central Magistracy this morning upon a mendicancy charge, was ordered to be sent to Wuchow, where her husband now is.

Lum Pui, a coolie, was brought before Mr. Balfour at the Central Police Court this morning on charges of impersonating a police officer, stealing a sum of \$150 from Leung Min-sau at Queen's Road Central, and assaulting him. The case was adjourned until to-morrow morning.

At the enquiry into the death of Wu Choi, Fireman No. 77, who was killed by falling debris in the course of a fire at 855 Queen's Road Central, on the night of December 7, the jury yesterday returned a verdict that the deceased met his death by accident while carrying out his duty.

At yesterday's weekly tiffin of the Hong Kong Rotary Club at Gloucester Building, Professor L. G. Saunders, of the University of Saskatchewan, delivered an address of great interest on parasitic animal organisms, with more particular reference to those found in Hong Kong. Dr. G. A. C. Herdson proposed a vote of thanks to the speaker, and at the same time paid tribute to Professor Saunders' work at the University.

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WHITEAWAYS

BIRTH

MOOR.—On December 14, 1933, at
the Country Hospital, Shang-
hai, to Mr. and Mrs. Oswald
Moor, a daughter.

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1933.

American Financial Problems

In a recent address in Pro-
fessor Tugwell, one of President
Roosevelt's monetary advisers,
turned epigrammatic and said:
"Hell hath no fury like a pro-
fessor whose theories are dis-
turbed." He was referring to
the group of financial authorities
whom he described as "orthodox
economists," and who have had
and expressed doubts about the
monetary experiments of the
Government. But is it not
possible that some of the pro-
fessors who have encouraged and
defended that policy begin to
feel a little disturbed about their
own theories? On paper they
had an infallible formula. But
somehow the markets and busi-
ness have not acted as they
should under it. The daily curves
on the financial chart have a way
of varying as if affected by some
other influence than a depreciat-
ed dollar. Undoubtedly the price
level has been somewhat higher,
as the dollar has gone lower, but
it is yet to be proved that the
purchase of gold by the Govern-
ment has been the sole or effec-
tive cause. What it has brought
about, incidentally, and what has
obviously disturbed bankers and
the Washington Administration
itself, is weakness in Government
bonds. This has admittedly
tended to impair that credit of
the United States which the
President has asserted it to be
his first and most essential duty
to maintain. It is now admitted
by even the friends of inflation
that the "good" sought by it is
still a long distance away. This
only increases the danger that
some other means of reaching it
will be devised. Such is always
the history of inflation of the
currency. It prompts hopes
which cannot be realised, and
then its sponsors are driven to
new varieties of it. It is a well-
recognised disease. The symp-
toms regularly appear, and the

other. If business and com-
merce do not behave as it was
thought they would, or as it is
considered their duty to do, under
a regime of moderate inflation,
then it must be made more im-
moderate. This course of the
malady is beginning to reappear,
although, happily, the Washing-
ton Administration denies that
it is to be followed. But we get
fresh rumours every day of a
resort to more stringent mea-
sures, if American capital takes
to itself wings and flies away to
financial centres where the cur-
rency is not wildcat, the pro-
posal is instantly made to pen-
alise every one who can be caught
in such an operation, and abso-
lutely to prevent the process
from being kept up. When Ger-
many and France were a few
years ago in the throes of infla-
tion and depreciated currency,
every effort was made to prevent
the "flight of capital" abroad.
But as is well known, the thing
could not be stopped. It certainly
could not be stopped in that
manner in the United States to-
day. Indeed, official Washington
announces that it has no idea of
making that effort. The one
sure way to stop it will be for
the President to live up to his
recent declaration to maintain
Government credit along with "a
sound currency." It is an old
and well-defined agitation which
America is again confronting.
Just after Grover Cleveland was
elected President for the first
time he had to deal with a similar
powerful and apparently po-
pular demand that American
currency be depreciated. In
his letter on that subject, written
to Representative Warner of
Ohio, just before assuming the
Presidency, he used words which
seem well fitted to America's
present emergency. Referring
to proposals which would have
had the effect of an "ultimate
expulsion of gold," he said:
"Such a financial crisis as this
would certainly precipitate, were
it now to follow upon so long a
period of commercial depression,
would involve the people of
every city and every State in
prolonged and disastrous trouble.
The revival of business enter-
prise and prosperity so ardently
desired and apparently so near,
would be hopelessly postponed.
Battered of all in every
work-shop, mill, factory, store,
and on every railroad and farm,
the wages in labour already de-
pressed, would suffer still fur-
ther depression by a sudden
downfall of the purchasing power of
money. It is a well-known fact
that the business of the world

HERE, THERE and EVERYWHERE

Mr. Mencken On N. R. A.

Mr. Mencken, who is retiring
from the editorship of the "Ameri-
can Mercury," is finishing his edi-
torial career in a blaze of verbal
fury. His leading article in the
November issue on the National
Recovery Act is as mordant as any-
thing he has ever written.

His conclusions are not flatter-
ing to Washington. He writes:
"That much may be said for the
fundamental scheme of N. R. A.
must be obvious, for more than
500,000,000,000 words have
been said to date. It may very
well turn out, in the end, that it
actually helped on the recovery. But
it is one thing to have a grand
idea, and it is quite another thing
to try to execute it in the manner
of a corn-doctor harrising yokels at
a country fair."

"Can it be that the American
people are so used to quacks, and
so fond of them, that they demand
a holy show of quackery, even
when the business before them is
the simple one of swallowing a
dose of castor oil?"

"On no other theory," Mr. Men-
cken continues, "is it possible to
account for the way in which the
N.R.A. has been launched in most
American communities."

"Nearly everywhere its whoop-
ing-up was turned over to a gang
of incandescent nobodies—Grover
Whalen in New York, and even
smaller and smaller Whalens, down
to the dimensions of a flea-circus
ballyhoo man, elsewhere."

"Rotary and Kiwanis, in cold
storage since 1929, were released
and revived to furnish the wind
music. The women's clubs pour-
ed out their 14th hours. All the
town nuisances were set loose to
bores and afflict their neighbours."

"It is 1917 all over again. Let
us hope that the bill will not be
larger."

Mr. Mencken writes as the can-
did friend, for he is an N. R. A.
man, having signed on the dotted
line in the early stages of the cam-
paign.

Your Daily Smile

Right.
Eric was careless about his per-
sonal effects. When mother went
upstairs and saw clothing scatter-
ed about on chair and floor, she
gently inquired: "Who didn't hang
up his clothes when he went to
bed?"

A muffled voice from under the
covers murmured, "Adam."

Nothing New

"Do you know your wife is going
about telling everybody that you
can't keep her in clothes?"

"That's nothing. I bought her
a home and I can't keep her in that,
either!"

Want It Both Ways.
The Law Reform Society says
that insanity should be a cause for
divorce. It is at the moment merely
the cause of marriage.

To Late

"Well, sir, the upshot of it all
was that it took me ten years to dis-
cover that I had absolutely no
talent for writing literature."

"You gave up?"

"Oh, no; by that time I was too
famous."

He Knew

"Can any of you," the teacher
asked, "tell me what amphibious
means, and give a sentence to
illustrate?"

A bright little Negro held up his
hand. "I know, sah! It's fibbing.
Mos' fish stories an' fibious!"

Facts You Did Not Know

That newborn babies are sensi-
tive to light, sound and other sur-
roundings has been demonstrated
by scientists in Ohio and Iowa.

Work has been begun on the
largest airport in Europe, covering
741 acres, within a 20 minute motor
trip of the centre of Milan.

Rotary files operated at high
speed by a flexible shaft have been
invented for carving or engraving
difficult with the hand tool.

The government of Ceylon will
restrict exportation of tea and new
plantations and prohibit the export-
ation of tea and for tea years.

YOUTH MAY SAVE IRELAND

RALLYING TO RANKS OF O'DUFFY'S BLUE SHIRTS

(By Hugh Alexander Law.)

[The writer of this article was
a Nationalist Member of the
House of Commons for sixteen
years till the end of the war,
and from 1927 to 1932 sat in
the Dail.]

The sultry calm that settled down
on Irish politics after the general
election of last January seems to be
breaking up. In order, no doubt,
to give the present Irish Ministry
no excuse for repeating a catch-
cry which then served them so well,
Opposition long refrained from any
action which could plausibly be in-
terpreted as "playing England's
game."

Of late, however, the atmosphere
has sensibly changed. Many who
felt that Mr. De Valera should be
afforded every opportunity for de-
veloping his policy unhampered by
even the faintest criticism have
come to realise that he has neither
the wit nor the will to end the
economic war with Great Britain.

Fear Of Communism
Agriculturists have been finding
it increasingly difficult to sell their
products. Quiet people (a majority
here as elsewhere, however difficult
it may be for Englishmen to believe
it) are every day becoming more
alarmed by the growth of revolu-
tionary Communism.

This it is that has brought about
the fusion of the Centre Group, re-
presentative mainly of the larger
farmers, with Cumann-na-Gaedheal
and General O'Duffy's National
Guard in the party of United Ire-
land, or Fine Gael.

From a Parliamentary standpoint
this merger is less important than
some have supposed. It adds nothing
to the voting strength of the
Opposition in the Dail, while
against the advantage of a united
command must be set the closer
understanding between Fianna Fail
and Labour.

Moreover, one could easily exag-
gerate its merely mechanical effect
in the constituencies; for, under
our system of Proportional Repre-
sentation, the "split vote" is an in-
considerable factor in determining
election results.

We shall find its true significance
partly in the fresh courage it has
already brought into the ranks of
the Parliamentary Opposition, but
chiefly in this: that, for the first
time perhaps since Michael Collins
was killed, a direct appeal is being
made to that Young Ireland which
alone can, if it chooses, not merely
make an end to our present dis-
tresses, but prevent their recur-
rence.

Pro-Treaty Conflicts

Those of us who, in the interval,
had occasion to fight contested elec-
tions have been sadly aware that,
while old supporters of the Treaty
were still faithful, we were failing
to reach the boys and girls whose
names adult suffrage was, year by
year, adding to the Register. To
these the heart-breaking struggles
of 1919-21 and 1922-3 were but a
romantic film story, in which they
regretted not to have had a part.
It was useless to tell them how
Mr. Cosgrave and his colleagues had
re-established order, created an
efficient police force, assisted
agriculture, reduced taxation, and,
in accord with Great Britain, set-
tled according with Irish interests
many outstanding points of con-
stitutional importance.

None of these things was of a
nature to appeal greatly to the
younger members of a democracy,
quick-witted indeed but politically
backward.

Small wonder that they grew
more and more to regard the pro-
Treaty groups as a collection of
middle-aged rumpwumps, or that
they listened eagerly to Fianna Fail
orators promising a millennium
when "once the tools of British
Imperialism" should have been
finally driven from public life.

Small wonder, too, that they were
attracted increasingly towards the
I.R.A. by the glamour attaching to
its military organisation, its hidden
dumps of arms, its secret meetings
and terrifying oaths.

This has been the more disquiet-
ing since the closing down of im-
migration to America has resulted
in a steady increase of just that
section of our citizens which is un-
able to find employment, either in
town or country. Both Fianna Fail
and the I.R.A. while no yet so

putating some of the doctrines of
Moscow, have been very ready to
exploit the discontents of the land-
less and unemployed.

A Downright Leader
Now it is precisely these young
people who hold the balance of
power. Their elders long ago
ranged themselves with one or
other of the established parties. In
Ireland we do not easily shift our
political allegiance, having in us
still much of the clan spirit. We
are more apt to follow a leader than
to decide a policy.

And even if those farmers who
have twice voted for Mr. De Valera
should, after further experience,
turn against and defeat him, the
victory would be insecure. If the
trouble is not to begin again in a
year or two, the young people must
be active supporters of the Con-
stitution.

In General O'Duffy we have,
happily, a man well qualified for
this task. Not having a seat in
the Dail, he is free to devote him-
self wholly to the work of organisa-
tion. That he has had no previous
connection with political parties re-
commends him to those who, how-
ever unjustly, despise the "profes-
sional politician." His speech is
downright, simple and vigorous.

Against Excesses
A soldier and an athlete, he is in
instinctive sympathy with young
people to whom football and other
outdoor exercises are more attrac-
tive than parliamentary debate.
Physical training, organised games,
and sports both for adults and
children are, indeed, an essential
part of the new movement. In
that respect, as in the adoption of
a special uniform, salute, marching
songs and flag (the cross of St.
Patrick on a blue ground), the Blue
Shirts are, of course, following cer-
tain Continental models.

On other hand, General O'Duffy's
own character, as well as his asso-
ciation with the most prudent and
experienced of our politicians, guar-
antees us against such excesses as
have marred similar developments
elsewhere.

Precisely because the Blue Shirts
aim above all at a reunited Ireland,
they must of necessity—since thus
only can reunion be achieved—work
towards wholehearted acceptance of
Ireland's membership in the British
Commonwealth of Nations.

FREAKS OF NATURE.

Disgusting Postcards Offered For Sale.

QUEEN'S ROAD FIRM FINED
\$25 AND WARNED

"They are the most abominable
things I have ever seen," said Mr.
E. W. Hamilton at the Central Ma-
gistracy this morning on examining
two post-cards of Chinese "freaks
of nature, the subject of a sum-
mons against the Modern Dyeing
and Dry Cleaning store, next door
to the Queen's Theatre, for unlaw-
fully offering indecent photographs
for sale.

"They are not the usual obscene
picture but abominably revolting
freaks of nature," added the Ma-
gistrate.

Detective Sergeant Mottram said
that he was instructed not to ask
for a heavy penalty but to bring
the photographs to the notice of
the dealers through the Press.

Mr. Hamilton ordered the con-
servation of the entire stock and in
imposing a fine of \$25 warned the
defendant that if any such photo-
graphs were found in his shop
again, the full penalty of \$250
would be imposed.

"They are just as illegal as in-
decent pictures," he added.

ARRIVAL TO-DAY OF U.S.S. TULSA.

Staying Here Until
New Year.

The U. S. S. Tulsa, Commander
Frederick G. Reinecke, arrived in
Hong Kong this morning and is ex-
pected to remain until New Year's
Day.

The Tulsa, which is assigned to
the South China Patrol, basing at
Hong Kong is a sea-going gunboat
with a complement of 147 crew
and 30 marines.

**REBEL GOVERNMENT
IN EARNEST****\$4,000,000 Issue Of
Fiduciary Notes.****"PEOPLE'S UNIVERSITY" TO
BE ESTABLISHED**

Fuchow, To-day.

The rebels regime is in earnest in its effort to possess a full paraphernalia for the equipment of its "Central Government".

Mr. Hsu Shih-ching, Chairman of the Commission for Finance, said in an interview with pressmen that preparations were being made for the establishment of "China", which was expected to be inaugurated early next year.

As a first step towards relieving the financial difficulties in Fuchow, the Central Bank, he stated further, would issue \$4,000,000 worth of fiduciary notes in order to release the frozen debts of the bankrupt or financially paralysed banks.

The Commission for Culture has also resolved to make arrangements for the establishment of a "People's Central University".—Central News Agency.

**FUKIEN REBEL
GOVERNMENT****Provincial Officials
Appointed.****MEASURES TO FOSTER
COMMERCE**

Fuchow, Dec. 17.

Fukien is divided into four provinces. Provincial Governors and Lieutenant-Governors have been appointed by the People's Revolutionary Government.

The following are the new heads of the four Provincial Administrations: Min Hui Province, Governor Ho Kung-kan, Lieut.-Governor Yuan Shih-ching; Yen Chien Province, Governor Suh Cheng-ping, Lieut.-Governor Kuo Kuan-chieh; Hsing Chuen Province, Governor Tai Chi, Lieut.-Governor Chen Kung-pu; and Lang Ting Province, Governor Hau Yan-chao, Lieut.-Governor Hau Ming-hung.

Admiral Suh Cheng-ping, Mr. Ho Kung-kan and Mr. Hsu Yan-chao are natives of Fukien. All the eight officials will assume their respective posts sometime this week.

Civil Service Uniform.
Beginning from January 1, 1934, all civil servants shall wear blue uniform made of Chinese material and cut in semi-military style. The outfit includes overcoats and caps which are of uniform style and material.

One of the objects of this regulation is to promote the consumption of native clothing materials.

Trade Improvements.
Trade representatives from various provinces were here last week at the invitation of the People's Revolutionary Government and were entertained at receptions given by the Government, its Ministries and Councils.

Concrete proposals were agreed to between the trade delegations and members of the Economic Council with regard to the improvement of trade and cancellation of oppressive taxes.

Overseas Sympathy.
Telegrams from overseas Chinese congratulating the People's Revolutionary Government on its establishment were received here to-day. The general tone of the telegrams urges the Government here to mobilise immediately its forces to put down Chiang Kai-shek and to relieve the people of their miseries the overseas Chinese pledging the Government their wholehearted support.

Among the senders of these congratulatory messages are the South China Anti-Japanese and National Salvation Association, Reformers Progress Society of Malaya, Singapore Chinese Revolutionary Association, Overseas Chinese Association of Hong Kong, etc.

**CANTON DELEGATE
LEAVES.****Result Of Colony Visit
Not Revealed.**

Canton, To-day.

Mr. Chow Lu, a leading member of the Canton Administration, returned from Hong Kong this morning on board the s.s. Lungshan. It is expected that he will submit to the South-Western Political Council the results of his conversation with Mr. Hu Han-min at Hong Kong regarding the general political situation.

When questioned as to the result

**COMING LONDON
CONFERENCE****Union For Protecting
Industrial Property.****33 NATIONS ENGAGED**

London, To-day.

It was decided at the last Conference of the Union for the Protection of Industrial Property, held at the Hague in 1925, that the next Conference should take place in London in 1933. This date, however, proved impracticable, and it is now decided that the Conference shall be convened for May 1, 1934.

Invitations have accordingly been conveyed by the Government in the United Kingdom, to the Governments of 32 other countries which are members of the Industrial Property Union, to appoint delegates to this Conference.

Copies of the proposals drawn up by the British Government, with the assistance of the International Bureau of Union, which are to form part of the programme for discussion at the Conference, were transmitted to the Administrations of the countries of the Union by the Bureau on April 28, 1932.

It is understood that the Bureau will shortly circulate a further document containing supplementary proposals submitted for discussion by certain other countries.—British Wireless Service.

**MR. D. W. MUNTON
PROMOTED****Manager Of China Light
And Power Co.****MR. STRAFFORDS AS LONDON
ADVISER**

It is notified to-day that the Director of the China Light and Power Company have appointed Mr. D. W. Munton, deputy manager of the Company, as manager, as from January 1.

Mr. C. Strafford, the present manager, who is at present home on leave, will relinquish the post of manager at the end of the year, and will not return to the Colony. Mr. Strafford, however, retains his connection with the Company and will act in an advisory capacity from London.

Mr. Strafford joined the China Light and Power Co. in 1921 as assistant manager, and was appointed manager in 1929. He is a member of the Hong Kong Club, the Kowloon Cricket Club, the Kowloon Bowling Club and the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club.

of his negotiations with Hong Kong Chinese merchants regarding the proposed \$15,000,000 loan. Mr. Chow Lu said that no definite arrangements had been reached in the present stage of negotiations and therefore he could not make any statement on this matter.—Central News Agency.

**CANTON DUTIES ON
HONG KONG GOODS****High Import Tariff
To Be Retained.****ASSURANCES GIVEN TO
TRADE DELEGATION**

Canton, To-day.

That the prospect of acceding to the demand of the Hong Kong Chinese manufacturers for a reduction of customs rates on their goods imported into the interior is remote, is evident in the Canton Government's assurances yesterday to the delegation, which was formed by over forty members representing different local trade and industrial guilds, that the Government was resolved to give every preferential treatment to domestic manufactured articles against similar goods imported from outside.

Mr. Shih Yi-pang, Secretary of the South-Western Political Council, when receiving the petition of the delegation for non-accession to the demand of the Hong Kong Chinese manufacturers for preferential Customs treatment of their goods, told them that the Provincial Government of Kwangtung was prepared to summon the delegates of various local trade and industrial guilds and other similar organisations to a conference at which views could be exchanged as to the best methods of protecting domestic industries against the competition of foreign manufacturers.—Central News Agency.

**GENERAL O'DUFFY
IN DUBLIN.****Transferred Under
Heavy Guard**

Dublin, To-day.

General O'Duffy, leader of the Irish Free State National Guard, who was arrested at Westport, County Mayo, on Sunday last, for wearing the blue shirt uniform of the organisation, was taken to Dublin, yesterday afternoon.

He was removed under a heavy escort of police and soldiers. No charge has yet been preferred against him, but it is understood that he will be tried by a military tribunal with powers to inflict unrestricted penalties, including flogging and death.—Reuter.

SIR HENRY DICKENS**Slight Improvement
Reported.**

London, To-day.

A bulletin issued yesterday afternoon stated a very slight improvement had been noticed in the condition of Sir Henry Dickens, the former Common Serjeant of the City of London and only surviving son of the great novelist, who was recently knocked down by a motor.—British Wireless Service.

To-day's Short Story.

**THE
CUP****By Mark
Channing.**

CAPTAIN ETTORE SQUARCIA had drummed on the trestle table like the muffled hoofbeats of a cantering horse. *Crrup—crrup—crrup...* His old crony, Death, was too close to him.

Soldier of Fortune and chief assassin to "Sigmundo the Merciless," Duke of Comaccio, Ettore Squarcia was a veteran dealer in death: he provided it instantly on demand by day or by night and under a dozen different forms, all of which were certain and most of them painful. But to be faced, himself, with what he provided so profitably for others was another matter.

Squarcia detested the thought of dying. It frightened him. He wanted to live to be an old, old man. And since he had so far never failed to get what he wanted he had an unshakable belief that he would die a centenarian. Until to-night. Secret news had just reached him that Pope Clement VI had concluded a truce with Spain. If that were true, and it came to the ears of the Spanish desperadoes who were to help him seize the power, after he had murdered Duke Sigmundo—as he intended to—they would probably betray him to the very man whose assassination he was planning.

The drumming quickened into a mad gallop. A lazy billowing of the arras and a slight shifting of the shadows cast by the lamp hanging from the groined roof announced the coming of a visitor.

That old rat, Blasci, the goldsmith, doubtless. Or a messenger. Squarcia was careful to make it impossible for business rivals to visit him unannounced. It was Blasci.

**HONG KONG BANK
OFFICER PASSES.****Sudden Death Of Mr.
J. J. dos Remedios.**

The death occurred this morning of Mr. J. J. dos Remedios, at his residence at 29 Granville Road, Kowloon.

The late Mr. Remedios, who was 52 years of age, had been in the service of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank for some thirty years, and was attending to his duties as usual yesterday. He passed away suddenly during last night.

Deceased leaves a widow and six children.

The funeral will take place to-morrow, passing the Monument, Happy Valley, at 6.30 p.m.

The French Sloop Dumont d'Urville arrived in Hong Kong this morning.

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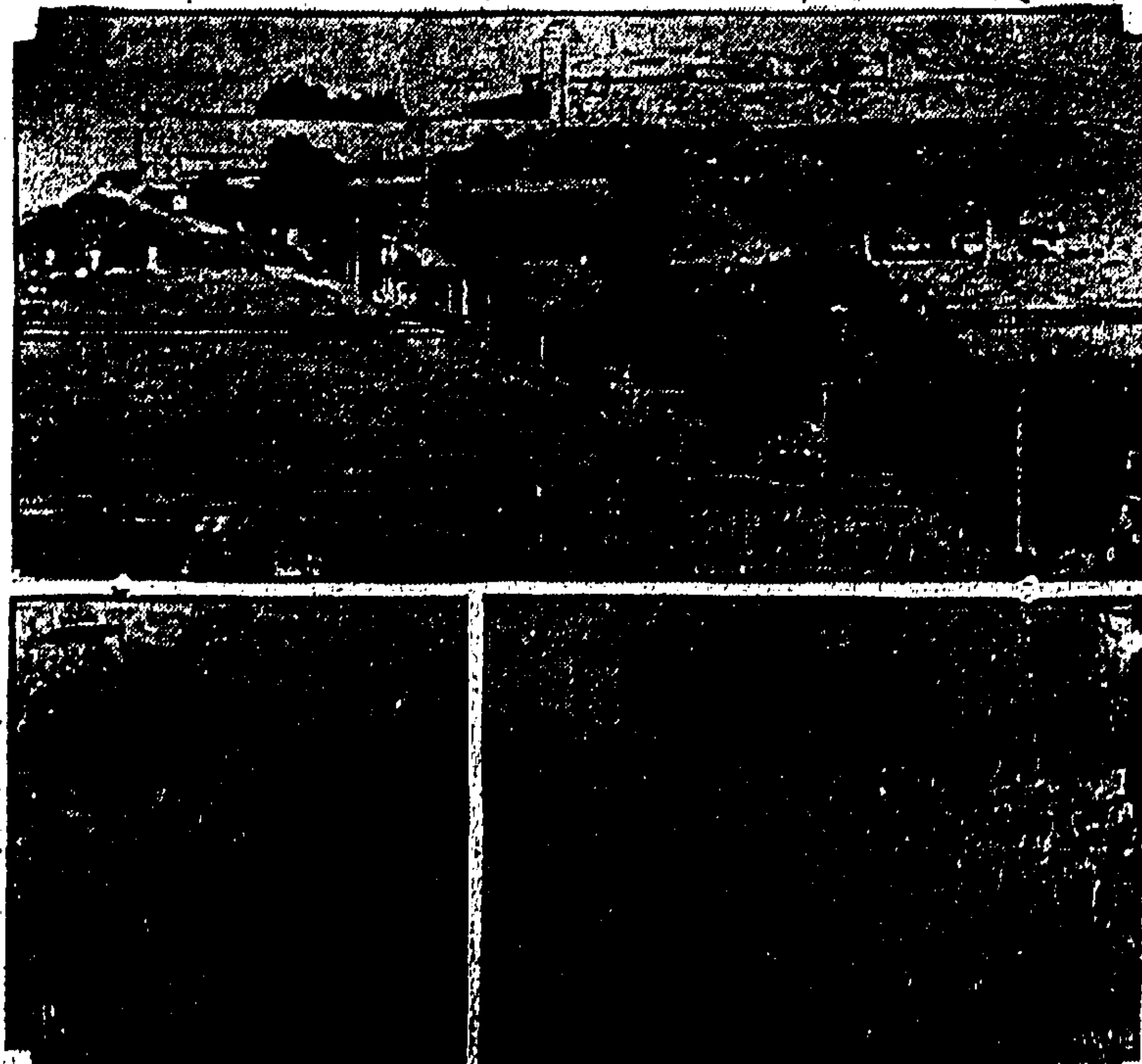
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As Cuban Rebel Fort Fell to Federals

These latest pictures show the Cuban Rebel Fort, which fell to the Federals, after a long and hard fight. The fort was situated on a hillside, and the Federals were able to capture it after a series of attacks. The pictures show the fort from different angles, and the damage it sustained during the battle.

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SAN FRANCISCO via Shanghai, Japan Ports and Honolulu.		
ASAMA MARU	Wednesday, 10th Jan. at 10 a.m.	
TAIYO MARU	Wednesday, 24th Jan. at 10 a.m.	
CHICHIBU MARU	Wednesday, 7th Feb. at 10 a.m.	
SEATTLE & VANCOUVER.		
HIYE MARU (starts from Kobe)	Wednesday, 27th Dec.	
HEIAN MARU (starts from Kobe)	Friday, 22nd Jan.	
LONDON, MARSEILLES, ANTIWERP & ROTTERDAM via Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Suez.		
HAZAKI MARU	Saturday, 23rd Dec.	
TERUKUNI MARU	Friday, 5th Jan.	
HAKUSAN MARU	Saturday, 20 Jan.	
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila & Port.		
ATSUTA MARU	Saturday, 23rd Dec.	
KAMO MARU	Saturday, 27th Jan.	
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	Havre Maru	Wed.	3rd Jan.
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THE CUP

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"The left thumb is pressed upward—so! (He moved the thumb an inch downwards so that Squarcia might see the space between it and the blue fire of the grape. It had been resting upon.) Then, and then only, Excellency, is the venom contained in the head of the nymph to the left of Bacchus released into the Wine. Through her lips, Excellency! The left thumb, remember!"

Once more the arras billowed. This time it was a messenger holding a letter. Squarcia glared at him, and raising one of his great hands, said: "You may go, Blascel!"

The agony depicted on the old man's face struck even the bravo. The rat wanted its cheese, of course!

The hinges of an iron-bound box lying to his left hand screamed noisily as Squarcia lifted the lid. "I pay promptly!" he sneered.

"Nay, my lord!" gasped Blascel. "Nay! Give me no money for it! Only tell me where she is! . . . I ask for no more than that!" He moved a foot nearer to the man he hated with a deadly hatred, and his voice took on a wheedling tone.

"Tell me but the street and the number of the house! . . . She is such a little thing . . . and I am so old!"

Squarcia's eyes became pin-points.

"Get you gone—lest I tell her you are dead!" he thundered.

His lip curled as the old man fumbled at the arras and cannoned against the door-post.

"Bring you fresh news concerning this accursed truce?" demanded Squarcia, turning to the bearer of the letter.

"No, my lord!"

"Then what bring you?"

"Your Excellency, the Conte di Amaldi has learnt of your—of a plan to kill the Duke," stammered the spy, tendering the letter. "He sent this to the Principessa Effrida, the Duke's daughter. I have disposed of the messenger."

Squarcia scowled. Here was another piece of bad news! The Conte di Amaldi was a Genoese and affianced to the young Principessa. Not only that: he was a popular idol, and surrounded night and day by a bodyguard of Swiss, who would die for him to a man.

Clearly, if this plan to assassinate the Duke and seize the power was to succeed, Amaldi must die—and to-night. Otherwise it would be Ettore Squarcia who would die.

"Has he . . . spoken to the Duke?" Squarcia licked suddenly dry lips. He knew the sudden mad rages of "Sigismondo the Merciless."

"Not yet, Excellency. . . . As your Excellency knows, the Duke—at the Conte's suggestion—entertains Giovanni de' Medici to-night. The Genoese doubtless fears lest suspicion fall upon the Medici family."

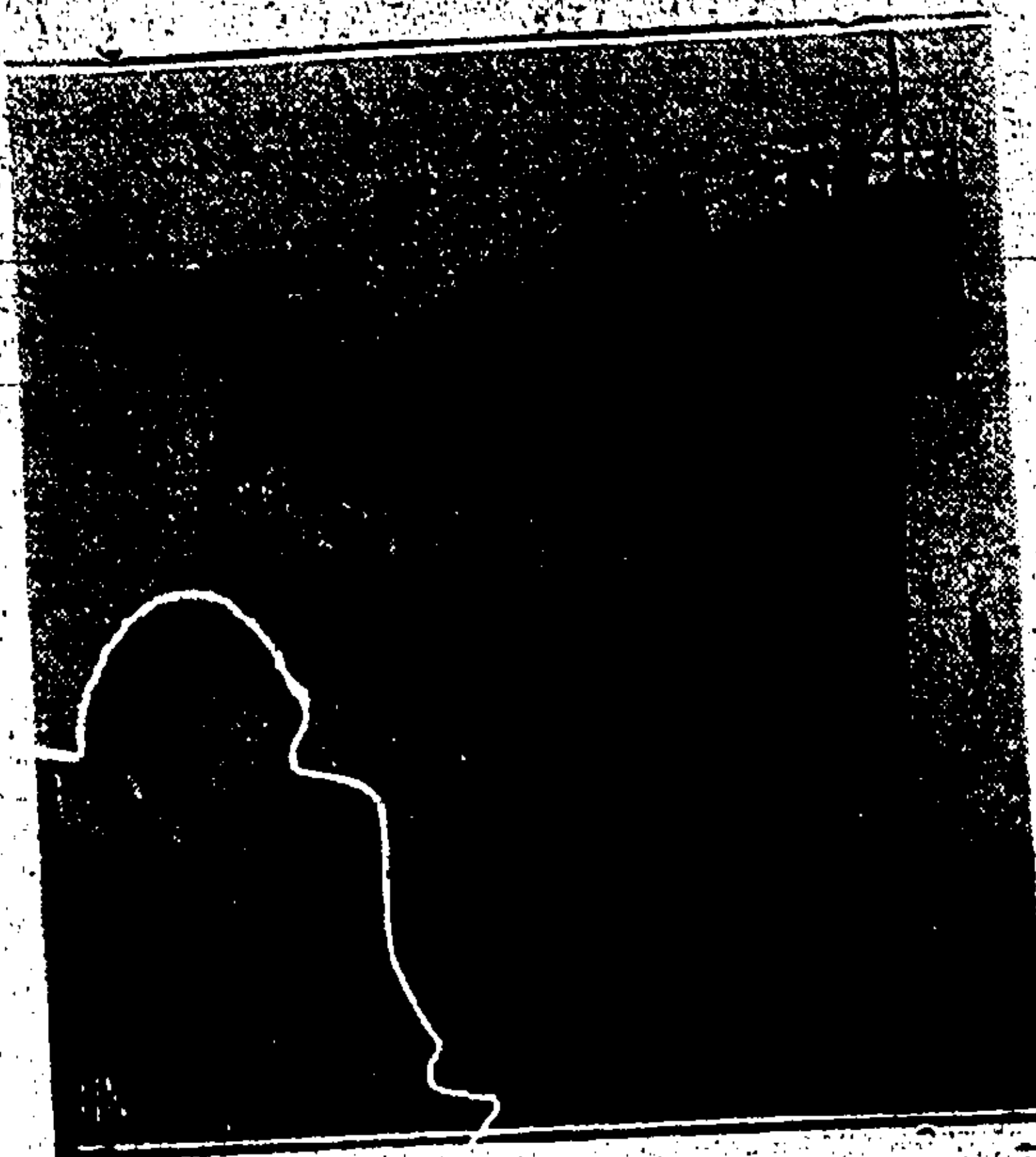
Squarcia nodded.

"Then this cursed di'Amaldi knows no . . . names?" he said hoarsely, fondling the pommel of his poignard. The Borgia cup had indeed arrived at an auspicious moment!

"The spy shook his head.

"The warning was given in a song, sung by someone hidden in the bushes under the Conte's window. The singer—who is not known—mentioned no names . . . Capitano

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"By the Holy Toe of St. Peter!"

he exclaimed, easing the jewelled girdle of his poignard. "What cup have you there, Capitano? It is marvellous! A veritable gem. I will buy it from you! Va bene? Name your price!"

"It is my hope that Your Grace will design to accept it as a token of my loyal affection, most mighty Duke!" murmured Squarcia, servilely.

"Corpo di Bacco! We accept it—and gladly, Capitano Squarcia. . . . But we give you this in its stead!" He laughed jovially and took from his neck a heavy gold chain set with diamonds.

All along Squarcia had known that the acceptance of his gift would mean its "christening" with wine.

The moment had come. He took out the blank death-warrant.

"Tut, man!" frowned the Duke, turning a shade more florid. "Show us no musty parchments here!"

Squarcia pretended not to have heard. Turning to a page who was carrying a taper and sealing-wax, bade him come forward.

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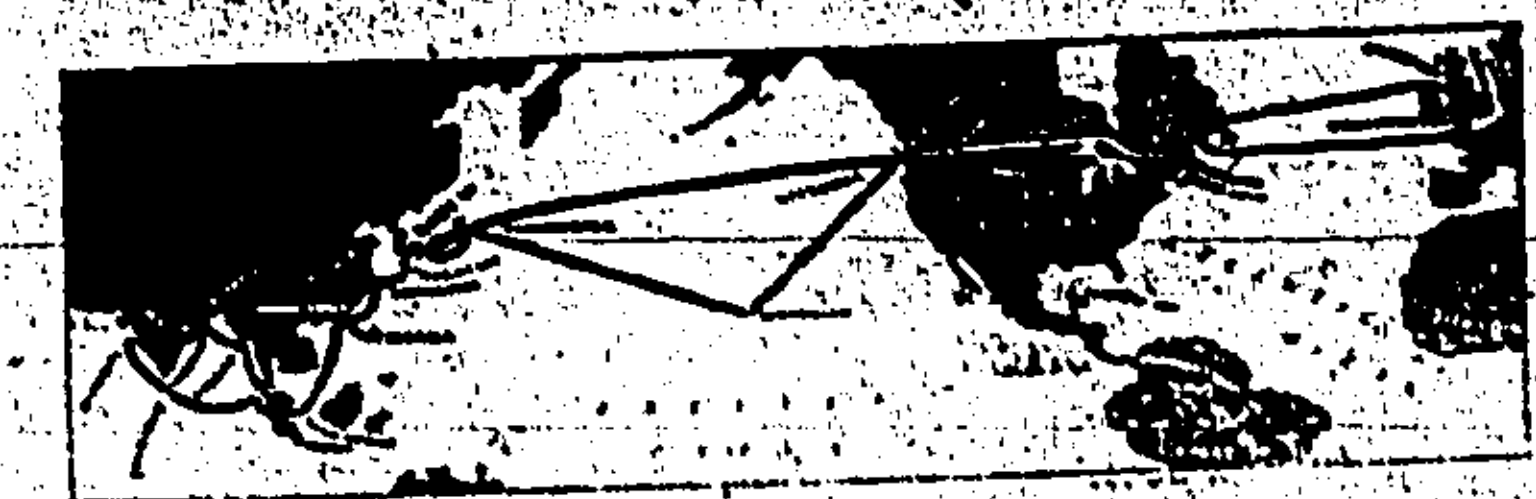
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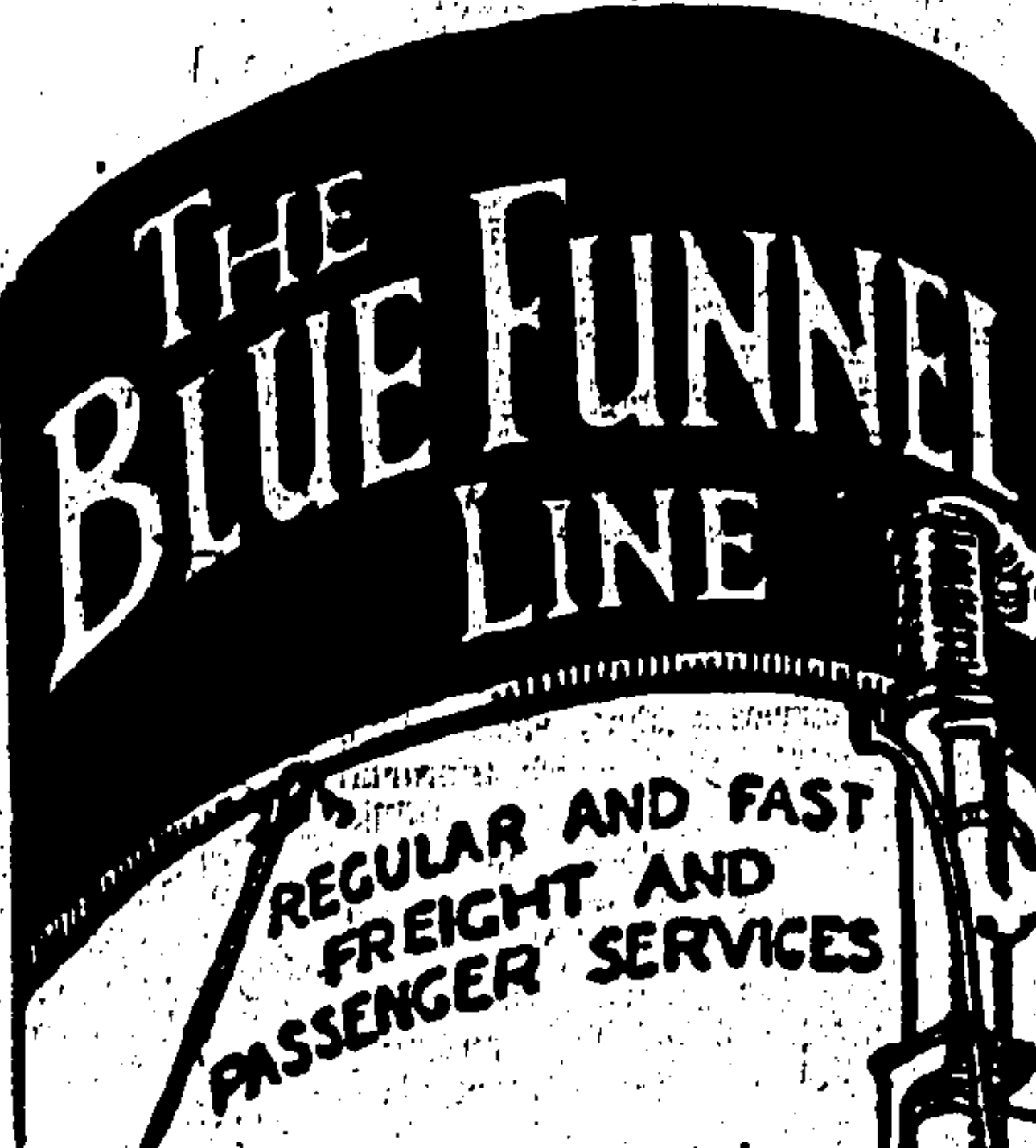
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THE CUP

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"It is but one urgent warrant, your Highness... As your Grace knows, several such have been necessary... and useful, lately!"

The Duke glanced down at the big emerald signet ring on his left forefinger and turned to his daughter.

"Peste! What think you, Effrida? Shall we seal it for the sake of the royal cup we have been given?"

The girl's clear eyes regarded Squarcia, who dropped his gaze.

"If it be a warrant for some man's death, as I gather it is, why not let the culprit be tried in your courts, my lord?" She glanced anxiously towards the heavy curtains at the end of the hall. Her young husband-to-be should have arrived. Late arrival at a banquet was a sinister augury in the 16th century.

Squarcia's eyes sparkled. "Naught would have induced me to come to your highness at such a time were it not that the man has confessed to being the leader in a plot to kill your grace—to-night! His immediate death sentence is necessary to crush the danger."

The unforgotten anxiety in his voice told in his favour. In his mind's eye, Squarcia already saw the Conte di Amaldi's name in the blank space in the warrant.

The Duke's eyes smouldered. "By... I" he swore. Then to a Florentine page he said: "Fill this kingly goblet with Malvesia—and to the brim!"

Malvesia was Duke Sigismondo's favourite wine.

The boy poured in a little wine and rotated the pup at an angle, and having washed it, threw the contents on to the rush-covered floor. It was a measure of prudence commonly observed by the nobility of the age.

Effrida de Commacchio glanced impatiently at her father.

"Surely your judges can deal with these malefactors, my lord?"

"The beautiful Principessa will forgive me," cut in the bravo, snavely. "This man is no ordinary traitor. He has dared to slander you and the noble Conte di Amaldi in the bawdy quarter of the city, gracious lady! There should be no mud on ermine!"

The shaft struck home and a flush dyed the girl's cheeks.

"For such as he, I plead not! Seal the warrant, my father. These things offend my ears." Her dislike of Squarcia was maddeningly obvious to him, for her abruptly turned shoulder.

"Now, Capitano! A draught from this divine loving-cup shall wash away the speculation of a sordid place of business! Our daughter is right!"

Although the Duke was still smiling and apparently occupied with rotating his signet ring, the smouldering eyes were fixed relentlessly on Squarcia's face. They reminded the eyes of a lion when it is about to spring.

Somewhat the merest twitch of a facial muscle, maybe, had revealed in Sigismondo the Marquis that unvarying suspicion which invariably spells death for his suspected.

"Drink!" he said curtly. "We accord to you the honour of being the first!" His tones had the quality of cold steel.

Obediently Squarcia lifted the cup. But he lifted it slowly. A stir at the far end of the banquet hall had attracted his attention.

The Conte di Amaldi was hurrying towards the Duke, carrying a bundle of signed proclamations.

As Squarcia's eyes met those of the young Genoese over the golden rim the ball of a huge left thumb was pressed quickly upwards.

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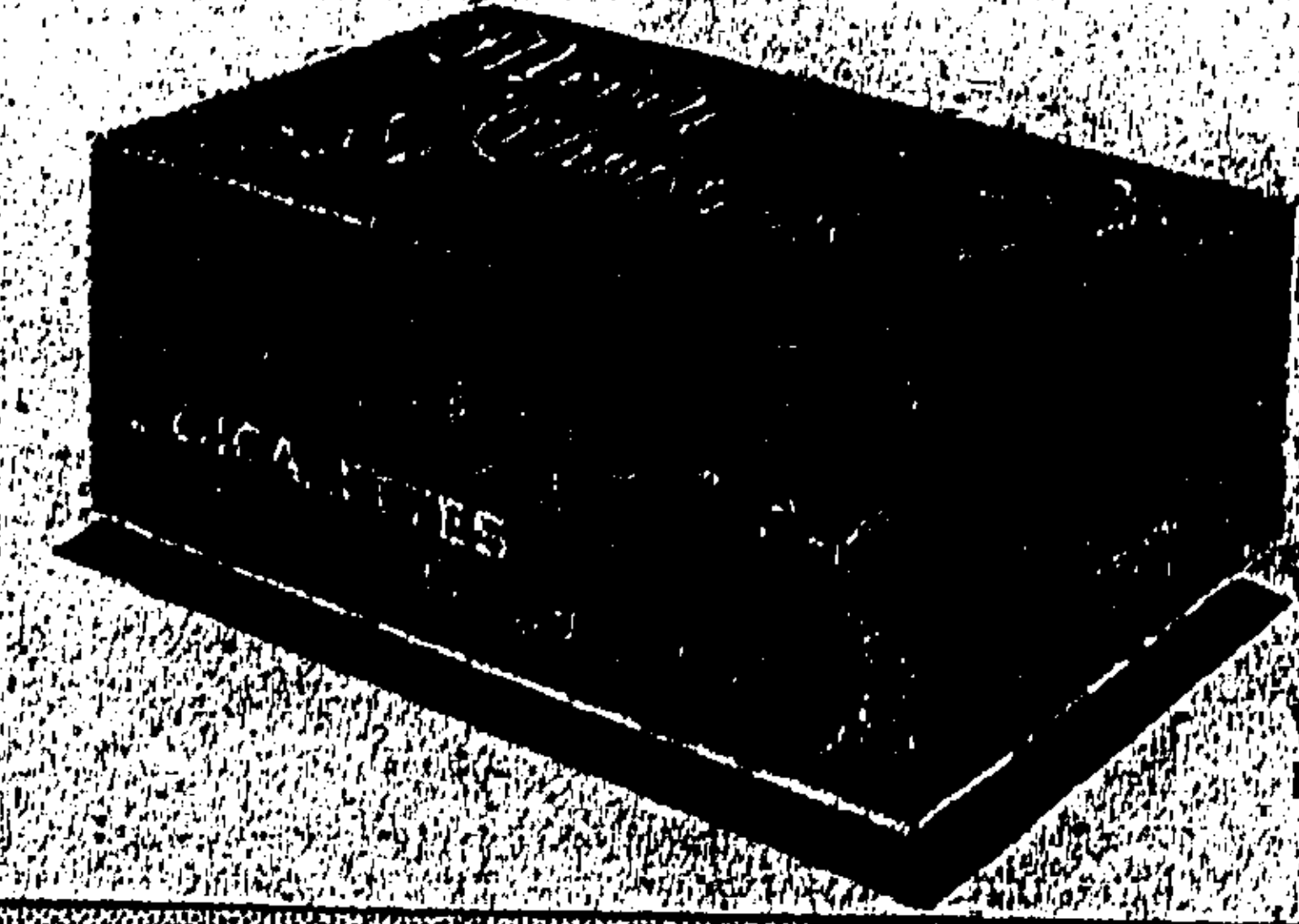
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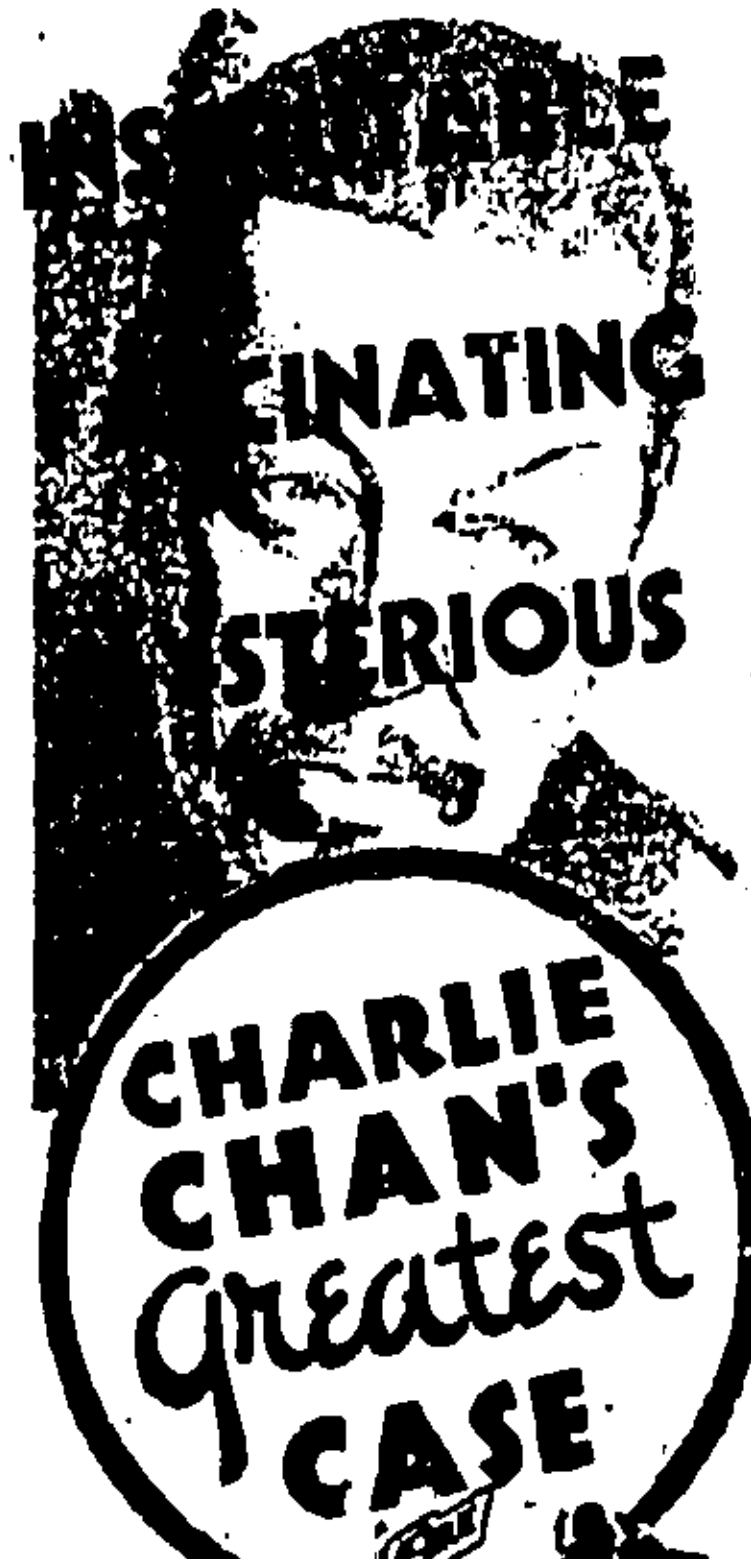
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CHINA'S WHEAT TARIFF.

(Continued from Page 1.)
If the report is confirmed, its effect on Australian trade will be considerable, because in recent years, the Far East has consumed more than half the total Australian wheat production.
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GERMAN FOREIGN TRADE DECLINE

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At the Supreme Court this morning before the Acting Chief Justice, Hon. Mr. J. B. Wood, the Wo Ping Steamship Co. Ltd. claimed the sum of \$1,655 from the owners of motor vessel Hoi Kong, for damages occasioned by an alleged collision which took place on the morning of May 22, at the Chiu On Wharf, Connaught Road West.
Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Messrs. Russ and Co., appeared on behalf of the plaintiffs, while Mr. H. G. Sheldon, instructed by Messrs. D'Almada and Mason, represented the defendants.

The Claim Stated that on the morning of May 22, this year, the Hoi Kong, arrived at 7 a.m. from Wuchow and ports and proceeded to take up her berth on the eastern side of the Chiu On Wharf, off Connaught Road West, the vessel being in charge of the Master or pilot.
The plaintiff's vessel, the Wo Ping Yat was moored on the outer or northern portion of the wharf. The Hoi Kong was heading east in the fairway and when close to

the wharf, which was on the starboard side, stopped her engines for the purpose of heaving alongside the Wo Ping Yat to proceed to her berth behind the latter vessel.

Several junks being moored to the wharf behind the Wo Ping Yat, the Hoi Kong made fast to the Wo Ping Yat for half to three quarters of an hour to enable the junks to move out, after which the Hoi Kong proceeded to berth worked by her winches.

Mr. Macnamara said there was really only one point of issue, whether there had been any collision or not, and he would call evidence to show that there had been one.

Expert Evidence.

Mr. T. H. G. Brayfield, Certified Marine Surveyor said he has seen the damage to the Wo Ping Yat, which must have been caused by a collision at practically right angles. The Hoi Kong must have struck the Wo Ping Yat with her bows on the port side near the second hatch.

Shown the sum charged by the Dockyard for repairs, witness said it was very reasonable sum.

Chan Cheong, an old Chinese woman, the wharfinger of the Chiu On Wharf, said she remembered a collision between two vessels, one approaching from Lyemun Pass to take up her berth behind the Wo Ping Yat and then coming alongside with a bump.
The case is proceeding.

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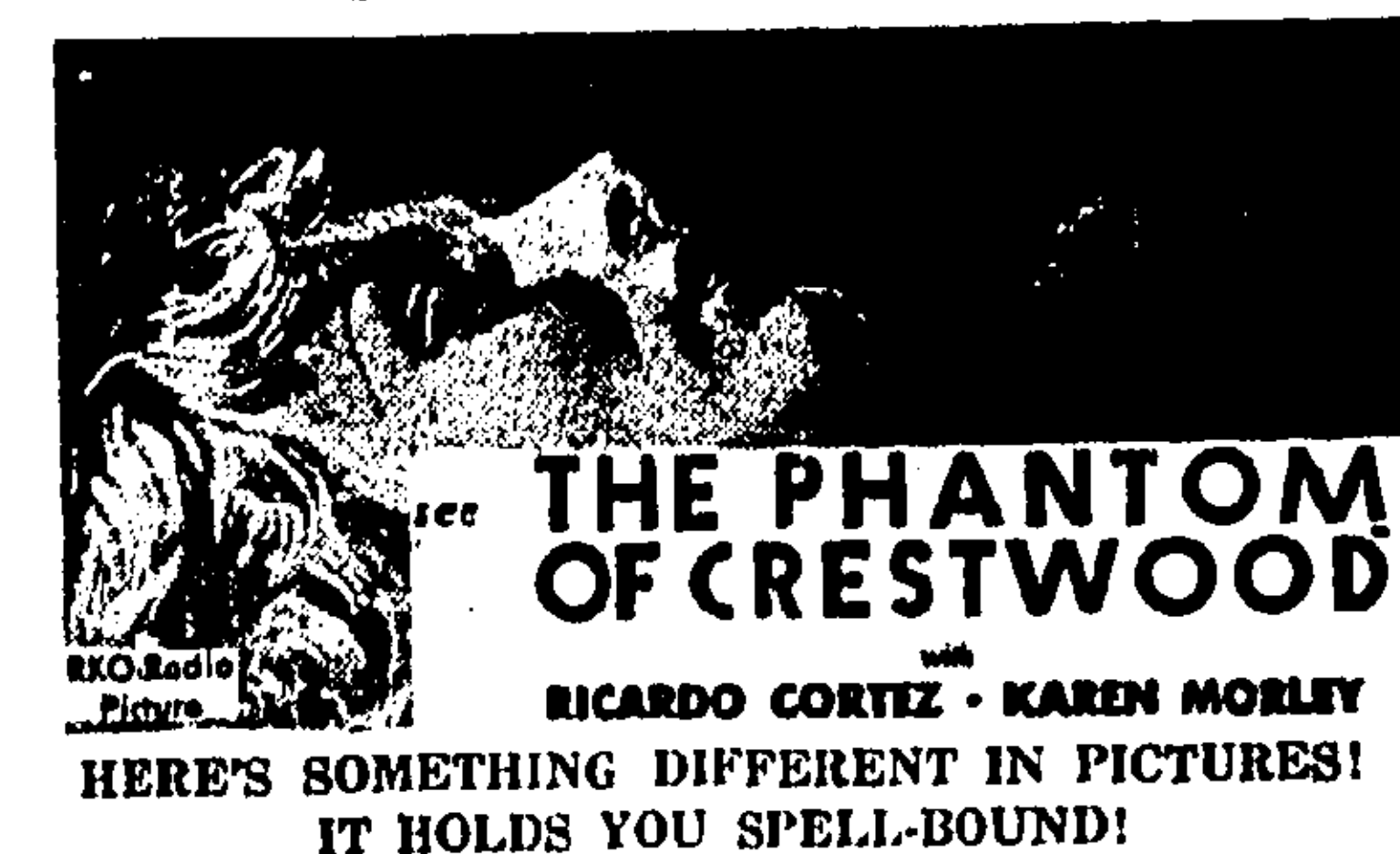
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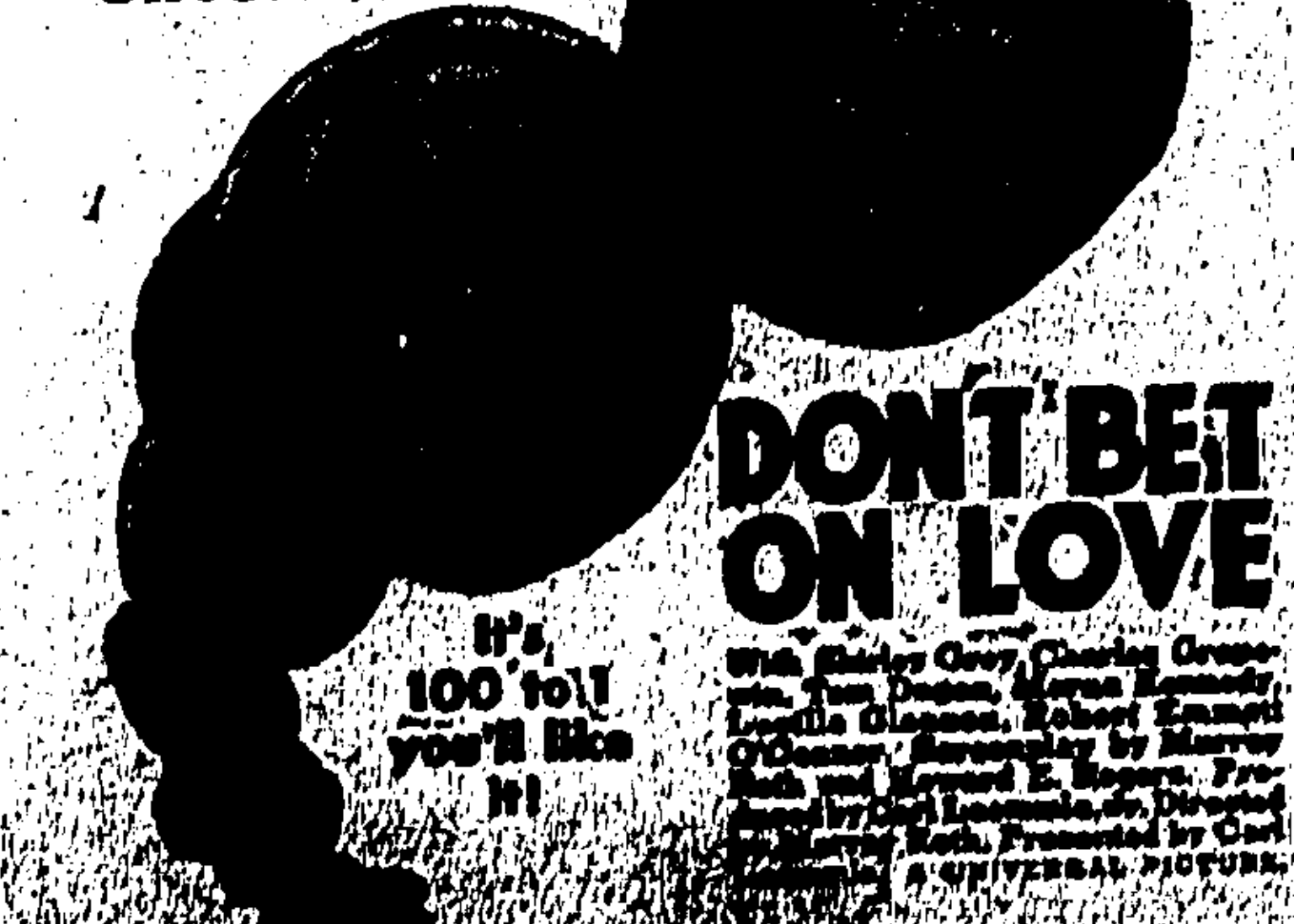
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